

**Charter Township of Van Buren  
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 14, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Gant. **Members Present:** Speed Gant, Ken Askew, Joy Ann Ferris, Ralph Nodwell, Clerk Wright and Mark Duff. **Excused:** Charles Coleman and Deputy Director Burns. **Unexcused:** Student Rep. Darris Meredith **Staff Present:** Director Wright, and Acting Secretary Price.  
**Members of the Audience** Trustee Partridge.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion Nodwell, Wright second to approve the agenda of June 14, 2011 with addition to New Business. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Nodwell, Ferris second to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011 as presented. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Park Updates:** Director Wright gave the Park Update. Relay for Life was held at Quirk Park, CAF5 held a 5k at Van Buren Park both had a successful turnout considering the weather. Gate staff now has a computer for which they are able to record zip codes of park visitors as well as time entering and monies collected at gate. Several dead trees have been removed from Van Buren Park. Swimming buoys are in place at the Beach. Boy Scouts have committed to running the concession stand for the summer. Community Garden is looking terrific, expansion efforts are underway. Van Buren Park has installed a new rules and regulations sign.
2. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright gave the Recreation Updates. First year for Hoppin' Hullabaloo event went over very well in place of Marshmallow Drop that was discontinued due to budget concerns. Summer Camp first session starting next week, still spaces available for second session. Takin' it to the Street event June 24<sup>th</sup> free event for the public, refreshments, lunch, games and inflatables will be held at the Van Buren Community Center, this event is paid for with Community Development Block Grant Monies. Crosswinds Marsh partnering with Van Buren Parks and Recreation hosted a fishing day snakes, fish and frogs were caught. Safety Town will be held in August; Director Wright is working with Officer Byrd on advertising for this event. This program is targeted to youngsters who are starting kindergarten this fall focusing on water, bus, electrical, home and fire safety as well as bike safety and stranger danger.
3. **Cultural Committee:** Trustee Partridge presented the revised by-laws of the Cultural Committee. She will keep the Recreation Committee apprised once the committee is formed.

4. **2011–2015 Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update** The Master Plan was approved by the Board of Trustees meeting held on May 17, 2011. Copies have been mailed to SEMCOG and the DNR.
5. **Gym Floor Rehabilitation Project bid approval:** Director Wright provided memo and spreadsheet. Director Wright recommended to the Committee Kuhn Flooring based on quality of floor quoted, pricing and references of the company. Kuhn Flooring was awarded the bid for the Belleville High School gym floor. Romulus Recreation Center has same type of floor and has been very pleased.

*Motion Ferris, seconded Duff to approve the gym floor renovation bid with Kuhn Flooring, not to exceed \$60,000.00 Motion Carried.*

*Yeas: Gant, Duff, Ferris, Clerk Wright, Askew and Nodwell*

*Nays:*

*Absent: Coleman*

*Motion: Carried*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Concert Series Performance:** Director Wright presented line up to the Committee, gave a brief explanation of each performer. Askew question if string quartet had been considered, indicating that in past years it was part of the line up and he would like it to be brought back. Director Burns has received to date \$1,500 in donations from local businesses. Waste Management donates \$3,000 to Van Buren for cultural events.

*Motion Duff, seconded Ferris to approve the 2011 Summer Concert Series as presented. Motion Carried.*

*Yeas: Gant, Duff, Ferris, Clerk Wright, Nodwell*

*Nays: Askew*

*Absent: Coleman*

*Motion: Carried*

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Gant shared the informational pamphlet about the Blue Angels with the Committee: They will be making their debut on July 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Yankee Air Museum

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion Nodwell, Askew second to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Price  
Acting Recording Secretary