

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairperson Coleman.
Members Present: Charles Coleman, Denise Willoughby, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neil, Kimberly Nofz , Clerk Wright

Excused: Tammy Wall

Unexcused: none

Staff Present: Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Sub Secretary Karen E Smith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Nofz, Belanger second to approve the agenda of October 11, 2016 as presented.
Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Nofz, Willoughby second to approve the minutes from June 14, 2016 as presented.
Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Recreation Updates:** Director Wright gave updates as follows; Summer was very busy but all went well. The New Fall/ Winter Brochures are completed. New events planned for next year include an egg hunt for "tween" ages . they plan to solicit businesses for donations possibly include pizza and pop. The October 1 touch a truck event was cancelled due to rain, they may move it to summer. Planning a Nature Scout program once a month on Saturday for 5 dollars a child, also a Nature in the Classroom program in the schools. There is a Women's Self Defenses class scheduled for October 14 & 15, with another scheduled in March 2017. Pancakes with a Fire Fighter is this Saturday. and scheduled at the end of the month the Halloween Candy loop, last year there was 800-1000 people.

Dr McDermott of the Belleville Rotary Club is donating a "little Free Library" to be installed at Quirk Park. It is just like the one in park at 5 points in Belleville. Supporting groups load it with books and people can take a book and/or leave a book. It is about 3ft tall at the roof peak and approximately 2 x3 wide. Dr McDermott and Keith Bruter will install it once miss dig clears the area.

Budget Hearings are scheduled at end of the month , October 27th.

Master plan went to Planning Commission and they are recommending it goes to Board for approval.

2. **Park Updates:** Deputy Director Zaenglein gave updates as follows; applying for a grant, Huron River Water Shed Council Grant dealing with green Infrastructure, in which many projects would be available if granted. Riggs park has been mowed. The Riggs house is down as of Monday Oct 10th . Van Assche Construction was the contractor. The bricks were so old and delicate that most of them crumbled. There are no specific plans for that property right now but they are working with Developmental Services.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Discussion:

DDA is looking at the future of Harris house which might be cheaper to restore than tear down, and they have plans for a possible pocket park on that property too.

Adjournment: Motion Wright, Belanger second to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen E Smith
Recording Secretary