

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2017**

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'Neill, Kimberly Nofz (5:40), and Tammy Wall.

Excused: Clerk Wright

Unexcused:

Staff Present: Director Wright, Deputy Director Zaenglein and Secretary Price.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion O'Neill, Coleman seconded to approve the agenda of April 11, 2017 as amended with correction to agenda to Daniel Belanger name. ***Motion Carried.***

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Wall, Coleman seconded to approve the minutes from February 14, 2017 as presented. ***Motion Carried.***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks: Director Wright shared Fireworks bid information with Committee. Committee discussed shell count. Director Wright invited members to help with event.

O'Neill moved, Coleman seconded to approve the Agreement with Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2017 Fireworks show and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. ***Motion Carried***

2. MDNR Iron Belle Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement:
Director Wright discussed requirements of this phase of the MDNR grant. \$30,000 was awarded to hire a company to attain the property and information about the easements. Committee discussed the proposed area showing concern by the Pine Creek Golf Course area limited roadway and easement area. Committee Member O'Neill suggested following the Wolverine pipeline

General Discussion:

1. Recreation Updates:

Director Wright shared the Spring Summer Community Lake Ledger with Committee, discussed proposed new software for the Department. Director Wright shared that the Teen Flashlight event has drawn teen interest, Hoppin Hulabaloo will be the following day currently preparing for both events underway as well as the daily programs offered here at Township Hall. Director Wright invited members to help with event. Director Wright shared the Tire disposal day offered here at Township Hall on June 3rd.

2. Park Updates:

Deputy Director Zaenglein announced the second annual Frog night at Riggs Park on April 28th. Deputy Director Zaenglein also discussed staff preparing the Parks for 2017 season. U of M Regatta vs Yale recently held at Van Buren Park was roughly 1,000 people and 200 athletes. Pavilion rentals are booking up, Pavilion #2 will not be rented this season due to grant received from Wayne County for upgrades, which include new play equipment, upgrade in electrical as well as possibility for restrooms. Van Buren Civic Fund secured ball diamond on May 20th for a Alumni Detroit Tiger game activities start at 11am. Quirk Park Ball diamond has been rented out to travel baseball and a sister league of theirs, they like the fields because of the ability to have lights. Deputy Director Zaenglein also shared that there has been discussion about the possibility for a dog park at in the backfield at Riggs Park. Information and flyers were shared about the summer youth program.

Adjournment: Motion Coleman, O'Neill second to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Jennifer Price
Recording Secretary