

**Charter Township of Van Buren  
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Chairperson Belanger.

**Members Present:** Clerk Wright, Denise Willoughby, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill, Kimberly Nofz, Student Rep. Ericka Nofz and Tammy Wall.

**Excused:** Charles Coleman

**Unexcused:**

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

**Audience:** 1

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion Wall, Wright seconded to approve the agenda of June 13, 2017 as presented.

***Motion Carried.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion Wright, Nofz seconded to approve the minutes from April 11, 2017 as presented.

***Motion Carried.***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**General Discussion:**

1. Recreation Updates:

Director Wright discussed the Iron Belle Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to hire PEA Engineering Firm to start the preliminary planning of phase 1.

Director Wright shared that the Teen Flashlight was quite a turn out and will do again next year. Hoppin Hullabaloo was a success. Wright also explained Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders "The REAL" program is a grant awarded to Van Buren by Detroit Wayne Mental Health Agency for summer job for youth assistance. This grant will give the participant real work experience. Summer Camp will start the following week, camp staff hired and trained. Fireworks will be held on June 24th with DJ at Beck ballfields. Takin' it to the Streets June 30th at Tyler Elementary. August 19th Takin' to the Street and Touch a Truck event at Tyler School. Tire Recycle day was successful. Public Safety installed AED thorough the Township Hall, all employees have been trained. Wright applied for a MRPA grant for kayaks, communities will be notified in July if they are a recipient. Budgets currently being worked on with Supervisor. Recreation software bids received; My Active.com is a sister program to the My Senior.com being used in the Senior Department. Parks and Recreation Department employees will get trained soon.

2. Park Updates:

Deputy Director Zaenglein summer season underway. Pavilion rentals ongoing. Parks and Recreation partnered with Wayne County for Family Fishing Day last weekend roughly 200 people attended.

Pavilion #2 renovations still underway with Community Development Block Grant money. Community Garden spots are available. The Mudpuppy Preschool Series planned for August, accepting registrations.

**Adjournment:** Motion O'Neill, Wall second to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. ***Motion Carried.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Price  
Recording Secretary