

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021 via Zoom**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairperson Belanger.

Members Present: Daniel Belanger, Denise Willoughby, Tammy Wall, Charles Coleman, Clerk Wright, Kim Nofz and Todd O'Neill.

Excused:

Unexcused: Student Rep. Plummer.

Staff Present: Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director Best, Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renuad, DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland and Secretary Price.

Audience: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion O'Neill, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Belanger, Willoughby, Coleman, O'Neill, Wall, Nofz, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Student Rep. Plummer.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion O'Neill, Coleman seconded to approve the minutes from May 11, 2021 presented.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Belanger, Willoughby, Coleman, O'Neill, Wall, Nofz, Wright.

Nays: None.

Absent: Student Rep. Plummer.

Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update the Recreation Committee By-laws:
Director Zaenglein requested committee to review by-laws from 2019 and bring ideas to the December meeting.
2. Community Center design concept: Director Renuad provided Community Center preliminary design schematic went over in detail with member. Committee questioned if the gym was regulation size. Renuad stated it can be split into two courts. Belanger question location of locker rooms. Renuad explained the location is close to current plumbing. Wright thanked DDA for their assistance and financial support. Wright also thanked Treasurer Budd for her assistance with the Civic Fund helping Van Buren obtain their support. Director Renuad shared the next step is the project estimate phase.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

RECREATION UPDATES:

Director Zaenglein announced Candy Loop to be held at Quirk Park on October 23rd 4-6 pm, October 30th will be the rain date. Currently running a Costume Drive for the community to pick out free costumes currently we have had almost 100 costumes donated. Costume pick up for the children to pick out a free costume will be held Oct 18th-22nd 4-6pm

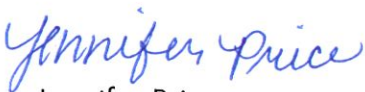
PARK UPDATES:

Van Buren Park is celebrating the new walking and bicycling path connecting the front and the back loop as part of the Iron Belle Project, Director Zaenglein invited members to enjoy the new area. Zaenglein stated French Landing construction in progress, if budget passes fishing dock and kayak launch will be started soon as weather permits. Signage for all parks will be designed. Pickleball courts will need routine maintenance next year. Quirk Park and Riggs Park parking lots were resurfaced and will be restriped. Parks have been preparing to close and starting the winter activities.

Director Renuad and Director Zaenglein have received their Park and Recreation professional certifications.

O'Neill motioned; Coleman seconded to adjourn at 6:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jennifer Price
Recording Secretary