

**MINUTES**

*THE BUCHANAN AREA RECREATION BOARD (B.A.R.B.) OF THE CITY OF BUCHANAN in compliance with Michigan's Open Meetings Act, hereby gives notice of a regular meeting.*

**I. Call to Order**

**Plank** Called meeting to order at **6:00PM**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**Plank** led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

**Present: Jennifer Popielski, Jeanne Harris, Tony Houser, Katie Heyliger, Rachel Plank, Dan Vigansky (sitting in for Mark Weedon)**

**Absent: Mark Weedon, Wendi Heyliger**

**IV. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by **Jennifer Popielski**, seconded by **Tony Houser** to approve the agenda with the addition of MI PAC.

Yes: **Unanimous**

No:

**V. Public Comment - Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)**

**None**

**VI. Approve Minutes**

Motion made by **Rachel Plank**, seconded by **Dan Vigansky** to approve the minutes from **May 10, 2023**.

Yes: **Unanimous (Tony Houser Abstained)**

No:

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Playground equipment & covered picnic tables-Groundcover must be done before the equipment can be installed. Material for tables has been ordered.**

**B. Park Updates**

- 1) McCoy Creek Recreation-Katie Heyliger reported a broken baby swing.** Motion made by **Katie Heyliger**, seconded by **Rachel Plank** to ask the city commission to remove the broken baby swing. Motion Carried.
- 2) The Common/Pears Mill-Mark Weedon**
- 3) Firehouse Park- Maintained by Fire department volunteers.**
- 4) Harger Park- Mark Weedon**

- 5) **Madron Lake Boat Launch- Rachel Plank/Wendi Heyliger**
- 6) **McCoy Creek Trail- Katie Heyliger**
- 7) **Mud Lake Bog- Rachel Plank/Wendi Heyliger. Rachel reported they have not received any bids on the boardwalk.**
- 8) **Garden Club Park-Garden Club maintains.**
- 9) **Ravish- Rachel Plank**
- 10) **Redbud Riverfront Park-**
- 11) **Veterans Memorial Park- Mark Weedon**
- 12) **Victory- Jeanne Harris reported the nets have been changed. She said there was a request for another picnic table. Motion made by Jeanne Harris, seconded by Tony Houser to ask the city commission not to purchase chain nets for any parks in the future due to personal injury potential. Motion Carried. Motion made by Jeanne Harris, seconded by Tony Houser to ask the city commission to put another picnic table in Victory Park. Motion Carried.**
- 13) **Walton Bridge Park-Jennifer Popielski/Rachel Plank reports they have not been able to mow due to the nets. They are trying to fix the situation.**
- 14) **Kathryn Park-Jennifer Popielski reported there are broken picnic tables still needing to be removed. Motion made by Jennifer Popielski, seconded by Dan Vigansky to ask the city commission to remove the broken picnic tables. Motion Carried.**
- 15) **Smith Park-BYBSA maintains.**

**C. Consider Annual review of 5- year plan. Move to next meeting.**

## **VIII. New Business**

- A. Pickle Ball Courts presentation-Randy Vicker would like outdoor pickleball courts in Buchanan. Temper Sports would offer free lessons. Rachel recommends he obtain more information including costs and then present it to the board.**
- B. Donation/Volunteer Letter requests- Motion made by Tony Houser, seconded by Katie Heyliger, to approve the letter with the addition of a pledge letter. Motion Carried. Rachel will send the letter tomorrow.**
- C. Buchanan Tree Friends-Rachel informed the board that they will submit a plan for the next 25 trees to be planted.**
- D. MI PAC-Rachel asked if anyone would be interested in sitting on a committee.**

**IX. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)**  
**Emma Lysy read a public comment from Mary Strayer Aalfs.**

## **X. Executive Comments**

**A. McCoy Creek Update-Rachel Plank shared the letter of support.**

**Tony Houser said thank you for adding him to the board.**

**Jeanne Harris shared a question about having a splash pad at one of the parks.**

**XI. Adjourn**

Motion made by **Plank** to Adjourn the meeting at **7:53PM**.