



BARB REPORT

The Buchanan Area Recreation Board (BARB) met on November 10th, and during their meeting, the consensus of the group was that there were several items that they wanted the City Commission to consider discussing and/or placing on the agenda for potential action at future City Commission meetings. The following is the list of items that BARB wanted the City Commission to consider placing on the agenda of a future meeting for discussion:

- Renaming of “Duck Pond Park/McCoy Pond Duck Park”- The consensus of the BARB was that “Duck Pond Park” should be formally named “Veterans Memorial Park” to reflect the Veteran Memorial items located there, and also because there is no longer a pond at the location, so it is a bit of a misnomer.

Recommended Motion- *“I move to formally rename the park located on E. Front Street and Redbud Trail so that its official name moving forward is ‘Veterans Memorial Park.’”*

- Removal of Pine Trees Located at Gateway Entrance Sign on E. Front St.” - The consensus of the BARB was that large pine trees located at the gateway entrance sign on E. Front St. should be removed because the trees are now too large for their location, and because they will also block the view of the future ice rink that was called for in the Andrews University “Vision for Buchanan” project.

Recommended Motion- *“I move to authorize the City Manager to get quotes for the cost of removal of the large pine trees located at the gateway entrance sign on E. Front St., and further request that the City Manager coordinate with the Tree Friends to get their input on the potential removal of said trees.”*

- Consider New Options for the ‘Duck Shed’- Some members of the BARB felt that the Duck Shed is causing potential public health issues due to the repeated presence of vermin near the shed, despite repeated attempts at pest control. Some members of the BARB also felt that the aesthetics of the Duck Shed were not appealing and detracted from the look of the Park. It was ultimately approved by a majority vote of the BARB to



recommend that the City consider exploring other ways to potentially store the duck feed, along with also exploring the possibility of whether the duck shed should be considered for potential removal or relocation.

Recommended Motion- *“I move to authorize the City Manager to work with the DPW and the Friends of the Ducks volunteer group to explore other ways to potentially store the duck feed, along with also exploring the possibility of whether the duck shed should be considered for potential removal or relocation.”*