



BUCHANAN AREA RECREATION BOARD (B.A.R.B.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024 – 6:00 PM

CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL– 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN MI

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

Wendi Heyliger Called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Wendi Heyliger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Wendi Heyliger, Jennifer Popielski, Katie Heyliger, Jeanne Harris, Sean Dennison, Emily Koziel

Absent: Jake Brown

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion made by **Sean Dennison**, seconded by **Jennifer Popielski** to approve the agenda.

Yes: **Unanimous**

No:

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

None

VI. Approve Minutes

Motion made by **Sean Dennison**, seconded by **Katie Heyliger** to approve the minutes from **May 8, 2024**.

Yes: **Unanimous**

No:

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Park Updates

- 1) McCoy Creek Recreation- Katie Heyliger
- 2) The Common/Pears Mill-Jennifer Popielski
- 3) Firehouse Park- Maintained by Fire department volunteers.
- 4) Harger Park-Decided to move the covered picnic table to Veterans Memorial Park.
- 5) Madron Lake Boat Launch-Wendi Heyliger reported it needs to be mowed.

- 6) **Mud Lake Bog-** Wendi Heyliger announced the study on Frogs was completed and they're awaiting the data now. There will be a discussion on creating Friends of Mud Lake Bog at the next township meeting.
- 7) **Garden Club Park-**The girls' softball team will be painting the gazebo.
- 8) **Ravish-Jeanne Harris** reported the mound of dirt is still present from the clean up day. The church will be having a community event on July 27, 2024.
- 9) **Redbud Riverfront Park-** Jake Brown
- 10) **Veterans Memorial Park-**Emily Koziel reported an increase in traffic with the opening of Chunk's Ice Cream and the need for more seating. There also needs to be a rail installed. It was decided to move the covered picnic table from Hargar Park.
- 11) **Victory-** Jeanne Harris reported the Ribbon Cutting on June 8, 2024 was well attended. Everyone agreed the park looks great!
- 12) **Walton Bridge Park-**Wendi Heyliger reported the grill has been installed.
- 13) **Kathryn Park-**Jennifer Popielski reported there are a lot of weeds growing in the flower beds and garden boxes and one broken picnic table that needs to be removed. Four picnic tables are requested to be brought from McCoy Creek Park for the upcoming Adventure in the Park with the Library and Fernwood.
- 14) **Smith Park-**BYBSA maintains.
- 15) **E.B Clark/Spafford Woods-**Maintained by Friends of the Trail.

VIII. New Business

- A. **Disc Golf at McCoy Creek Recreation Area-** Sean Dennison will contact the teacher who was interested in planning this.
- B. **Facebook Page-**Jennifer Popielski started a Facebook page for the Buchanan Area Parks & Recreation to highlight our activities and events. Will add Jeanne Harris as an admin to help with posting.
- C. **Ravish Park Improvements-**The fence and basketball court needs repairs as per photos. There was a discussion on using the County Jail inmates again to do some repairs and questions regarding our budget.

IX. Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items Only (3-minute limit)

None

X. Executive Comments

Wendi Heyliger said she is proud of this board. **Sean Dennison** said he is happy to be a part of a community that gets things done.

XI. Adjourn

Motion made by **Wendi Heyliger**, seconded by **Jennifer Popielski** to Adjourn the meeting at **7:21PM**.

