
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

Jeanne Harris Called meeting to order at **6:02PM**

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Jeanne Harris led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Jennifer Popielski, Katie Heyliger, Jeanne Harris, Jake Brown, Emily Koziel, Larry Money-sitting in for Sean Dennison

Absent: Wendi Heyliger

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion made by **Katie Heyliger**, seconded by **Jake Brown** to approve the agenda.

Yes: **Unanimous**

No:

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

None

VI. Approve Minutes

Motion made by **Jake Brown**, seconded by **Jennifer Popielski** to approve the minutes from **November 8, 2023**.

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- Jake Brown
- 5) Madron Lake Boat Launch-Wendi Heyliger
- 6) McCoy Creek Trail- Katie Heyliger

7) **Mud Lake Bog- Katie Heyliger reported that someone was hired to do some clean up and covered picnic tables were placed at the township park locations. Jacob Brown reported he will be making some improvements to Mud Lake Bog in the spring.**

8) **Garden Club Park-Garden Club Maintains-Gazebo was decorated for Christmas.**

9) **Ravish-Jeanne Harris**

10) **Redbud Riverfront Park- Jake Brown**

11) **Veterans Memorial Park-Emily Koziel**

12) **Victory- Jeanne Harris**

13) **Walton Bridge Park-Emily Koziel**

14) **Kathryn Park-Jennifer Popielski**

15) **Smith Park-BYBSA maintains.**

B. Pickleball Court Update-Randy Bickard discussed possible locations for pickleball courts and will return with quote based on location of Ravish Park.

C. Discuss Park Tour-Immediate needs for each park on the tour were addressed as follows:

- a. **Walton Bridge-Trim trees, remove down tree and clear walking path to water. A new sign was discussed.**
- b. **Victory park- Paint benches & bleachers, landscaping, repair & paint playground equipment. Not sure if it will be staying or moved to a new location.**
- c. **Riverfront Park-Table or benches under pavilion, pier needs a diamond plate walk, poison ivy needs sprayed, new sign and handrail. Overgrowth trimmed and landscaping cleaned-up.**
- d. **Ravish Park- Broken playground equipment removed or repaired. The remaining equipment power washed, scraped, and painted. Fencing repaired or removed. The shelter will need fascia repaired and electrical box looked at.**
- e. **Kathryn Park- Trim bushes, weed and mulch landscaping. Repair or remove boxes for community garden.**

D. Victory Park & Riverfront Park Update-Letter from Richard Murphy was presented announcing grants.

VIII. New Business

A. Summer Concert Series at the Common-Included in the meeting packet is this year's schedule and sponsorship opportunities.

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

Jackie Vigansky asked where Mud Lake Bog was located. She also praised this board for a job well done.

X. Executive Comments

NONE

XI. Adjourn

Motion made by **Jake Brown**, seconded by **Larry Money** to Adjourn the meeting at **7:01PM**.