



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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025– 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, Emily Koziel, Jake Brown, Raquell George

Absent: Jeanne Harris

IV. Approve Agenda

Motion made by **Emily Koziel**, seconded by **Raquell George** to approve the agenda.

Yes: **Unanimous**

No:

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

None

VI. Approve Minutes

Motion made by **Katie Heyliger**, seconded by **Jake Brown** to approve the minutes from **November 13, 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- Jake Brown**
- 5) Madron Lake Boat Launch-Wendi Heyliger**
- 6) Mud Lake Bog- Wendi Heyliger**

7) **Garden Club Park- Maintained by Garden Club-**

8) **Ravish-Jeanne Harris r**

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

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

11) **Victory- Jeanne Harris**

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

13) **Kathryn Park-** Motion made by **Jennifer Popielski**, seconded by **Wendi Heyliger** to ask the DPW to remove the garden beds from Kathryn Park and smooth the ground. Motion Carried.

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

15) **E.B Clark/Spafford Woods-**Maintained by Friends of the Trail.

B. Kathryn Park Playground Equipment- Jennifer announced she was told by commissioner Patrick Swem there is up to \$100,000.00 set aside for playground equipment at Kathryn Park in this f/y's budget. She will email her contact at AAA Playground and ask what they recommend.

C. Victory Street Community Garden-There was a discussion of possibly moving the raised beds to another park and finding someone to maintain them through a community garden program.

VIII. New Business

A. Spring Cleanup 2025-Discussed possible dates and an initial plan. Everyone will bring a list of items that need done at their park to the next BARB meeting.

B. Officer Election-Jake Brown nominated Katie Heyliger for Board Secretary, Wendi Heyliger for Board Chairman, and Jeanne Harris for Board Co-chairman. Motion made by **Wendi Heyliger**, seconded by **Emily Koziel** to appoint Katie Heyliger as board secretary. Motion made by **Raquel George**, seconded by **Emma Koziel** to appoint Wendi Heyliger as board Chairman. Motion made by **Wendi Heyliger**, seconded by **Jennifer Popielski** to appoint Jeanne Harris as board co-chairman.

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

None

X. Executive Comments

Motion made by **Jake Brown**, seconded by **Katie Heyliger** to give Wendi Heyliger authority to sign a letter of support in favor of the McCoy Creek Trail expansion.

XI. Adjourn

Motion made by **Wendi Heyliger** to Adjourn the meeting at **7:24pm**.