

**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**

**Absent:** **Jake Brown, Emily Koziel**

**IV. Approve Agenda**

Motion made by **Sean Dennison**, seconded by **Katie Heyliger** 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 **Jeanne Harris** to approve the minutes from **April 10, 2024**.

Yes: **Unanimous**

No:

**VII. Unfinished Business**

**A. Park Updates**

- 1) McCoy Creek Recreation- Katie Heyliger**
- 2) The Common/Pears Mill-Jennifer Popielski recapped the clean-up at the Common on May 7, 2024, from 4pm-7pm went great and much was accomplished.**
- 3) Firehouse Park- Maintained by Fire department volunteers and looks great.**
- 4) Harger Park- Jake Brown**
- 5) Madron Lake Boat Launch-Wendi Heyliger reported there is one tire in the water.**
- 6) Mud Lake Bog- Wendi Heyliger announced they are trying to coordinate a date to do repairs. They have also received a request from Notre Dame to conduct a study on Frogs.**

- 7) Garden Club Park-The girls' softball team will be painting the gazebo.
- 8) Ravish-Jeanne Harris reported there were projects not finished.
- 9) Redbud Riverfront Park- Jake Brown
- 10) Veterans Memorial Park-Emily Koziel
- 11) Victory- Jeanne Harris the drinking fountain is in, and garbage cans are out. It looks nice. A Ribbon Cutting is planned for June 8, 2024, at 12pm.
- 12) Walton Bridge Park-Wendi Heyliger reported the grill still needs attached.
- 13) Kathryn Park-Sean Dennison announced the swings are in and will be put up soon.
- 14) Smith Park-BYBSA maintains.
- 15) E.B Clark/Spafford Woods-Maintained by Friends of the McCoy Creek Trail. Jerry announced the boy scouts did a great job clearing out brush.

B. Buchanan Library Summer Adventure in the Park Update-Jennifer announced there are a few dates still available.

#### VIII. New Business

A. Earth Day Clean up Recap- There was a discussion, and the group consensus was it was a wonderful event. Some comments were, plan a Fall Clean -Up and next year, look at a new date, start planning earlier, recruit more volunteers and have a plan for left over food.

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

Jerry Flenar spoke on the opportunity to utilize the Berrien Co. inmates to do work at the parks for \$180. He also shared that the Lions Club Annual Kayak Poker run on the St. Joeseph River will be on July 21, 2024.

Kacey Schlundt, a 2-year resident and Veteran is interested in offering a canoe/kayak rental and race on the St. Joeseph River.

#### X. Executive Comments

Wendi Heyliger said she was very proud of us all. Sean Dennison said we are doing great.

#### XI. Adjourn

Motion made by Wendi Heyliger, seconded by Jennifer Popielski to Adjourn the meeting at 6:58PM.