

# BUFFALO VALLEY RECREATION AUTHORITY

## Board Minutes

10.27.2021

### Call to Order – 6:31 PM

**Attendance:** Present: Bergonia, Hutchings, Glazer, Boethelo, Shandera, Rowe.

Absent: Gray, Bernardo, Musselman.

**Introductions/Guests:** Jackie Dzihdosz, Leadership Susquehanna. Becky Cunfer, BVRA Nature Program Director.

**\*Approval of Minutes: (Note: I am not sure we approved minutes for 9/22 meeting. I have no notes and did not find it on my recording, unless someone recalls the motion lets approve at next meeting.)**

### Public Participation –

- Becky reported PA Dept. of Human Services (DHS) will not allow a pre-school or childcare to operate out of the Nature Center building because of its zoning.
- DHS rules say that more than six children in a class is considered “Childcare.”
- Pete will discuss the zoning with the Central Keystone-COG.
- Becky discussed alternative ways of operating programs, including A.M. and P.M. programs of at least three-hours each.
- Currently there is only one child in the after-school program. Becky proposes program should be cut after December.
- Becky reported she has about exhausted all avenues to attract more families/students.
- It was discussed that, if zoning was changed, expanding the building would be beneficial allowing programs to grow.

### Operations Report –

- Gymnastics program membership is recovering well for the 2020 Covid closure. John said he still expects that enrollment won’t reach pre-Covid numbers for a few years. Finding qualified instructors remains a problem.
- Jeff Ramsey, BVRA martial arts instructor, hopes to significantly increase enrollment taking advantage of the YMCA’s ending its martial arts program. He is hoping to secure added space in the Greenspace complex.
- The board decided not continue discussions to possibly have the community pool managed by the YMCA. It would not be financially beneficial for the BVRA.
- Three trees will be cut down at recreation park. Including removal and stump grinding for \$4,060. **VOTE: Unanimous. Motion Mike, Second, George.**

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- Repairs to the skateboard ramp were approved for \$1,680. Children's slide and pit repair \$1,750 were put on hold until spring. **Vote: Unanimous. Motion, Patrick. Second, Matt.**
- The board discussed salaries for all BVRA employees. Part of the discussion was how BVRA would approach the regional and national trend of wage increases as businesses attempt to hold onto employees. The board considered a \$2 across the board increase for most employees.

### Financial Report

- **No report**

### Old Business

- John reported ongoing signage discussions were progressing and that he and Char have had "frank" discussions with the landlord. Final costs will be \$100 per month for four years. After four years there will be no monthly fee. BVRA has approx. eight years left on its lease. The two signs (each side of the lighted pylon near Rt. 15) will cost \$1,200, including installation. Board asks for addendum to proposal that the sign agreement be cancelable by BVRA at any point within the first four years, with monthly \$100 signage rent also terminated at that point. **VOTE: Unanimous. Motion, Matt. Second, Mike.**

### Executive Session –

Begun 8:10 PM

**Personnel matter**

Ended 8:43 PM

**Adjournment – 8:43 PM**