

BUFFALO VALLEY RECREATION AUTHORITY

Board Minutes

November 17, 2021

Call to Order – 6:32 P.M.

Attendance – Present: Pete Bergonia, Tim Hutchings, John Rowe, Char Gray, Mike Glazer, George Boethelo, Dana Bernardo, Pat Musselman. Absent: Patrick Shandera.

Introduction/Guests: Becky Cunfer, BVRA Nature Program Director.

Approval of Minutes – Action will be taken on the minutes for October along with November’s minutes at December’s board meeting.

Public/Staff Participation -

- Becky Confer discussed early interest and enrollment in 2022 summer camp program.
- BVRA Nature Studio Report and Update was distributed to the board by Becky. (See blue handout).
- Highlight of the report: Saturday, Dec. 18th the Nature Studio will host Christmas event from noon-4:00, in conjunction with the Lewisburg Sunrise Rotary. Volunteers are needed.

Operations Report -

- Jim “Tex” Smith has been hired part-time to assist Jack Fisher with Community Park maintenance.
- John Rowe reported “Gymnastics is doing better than expected.”
- Woodward Camp has given BVRA a \$1,500 “grant” for BVRA’s work and business with them. The grant is redeemable towards future business with Woodward.
- BVRA will consider applying for a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant. Next step is to discuss needs and amount to request. This is a matching grant for as much as \$250,000.
- Char Gray has submitted a grant request to the Degenstein Foundation. Amount of the request will be discussed.
- Martial arts program director Jeff Ramsey will initiate an expanded program in December with a soft opening of added classes.
- Char discussed the need to produce a fundraising letter, and to get it mailed by late winter.
- Community Park playground repairs were tabled until February’s meeting.
- Signage on the pylon facing Route 15 is waiting for BVRA attorney Bob Kravitz to review the agreement with the landlord. Once this is done and agreed on signage will proceed.
- Work on the update of the BVRA website and its interface with the RecDesk platform is proceeding.

Regular session adjourned: 7:10 P.M., board went into executive session.

Executive Session adjourned: 7:28 P.M.