

BUFFALO VALLEY RECREATION AUTHORITY

Board Minutes

September 22, 2021

Call to Order – 6:31 P.M.

Attendance – Present: John Rowe, Pete Bergonia, Tim Hutchings, Char Gray, Mike Glazer, Pat Musselman, George Botelho.

Absent: Patrick Shandera, Dana Bernardo

Guests – Jolene Helwig, East Buffalo Twp. Manager; Gayle Boudman, EBT Administrative Assistant; Becky Cunfer, BVRA Nature Program Director.

Approval of Minutes – Tim moved, Mike second. Approved.

Operations Report –

- John reported that the office now has coverage from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. weekdays.
- The Lewisburg Downtown Partnership will be using the BVRA meeting room (next to the office) twice-a-month for three-hour meetings. In return, they will pay for BVRA (legal) meeting ads in the Daily Item and will allow BVRA to place posters advertising its events in the downtown kiosk between 3rd and 4th streets.
- John and Pete discussed replacing mulch at gardens in the Recreation Park with stone which will save a good amount of money over the years because of less maintenance and need to refresh mulch yearly.
- Becky presented a written “Accomplishment Report & Program Updates for the BVRA Nature Studio.” She also presented an overview of BVRA “Spooktoberfest” she is planning on Oct. 30th, Halloween.
- Becky signed up two pre-school students and found strong interest in BVRA programs while she represented BVRA at the Library for Union County’s “Re-Discover the Library” open house Sept. 18.
- Pat discussed preparations to adapt the tennis courts into a multi-use tennis and pickleball facility.
- John said that his gymnastics “intro” classes are full. He said that this is very healthy for future programs.

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Financial Report – Char G.

- Financials are better than 2020, but still not matching those of 2019.
- Outdoor pavilion rentals at the park have been strong in 2021, probably still due to Covid (indoor meeting) apprehension.
- Expansion of summer camp and after school programs are planned with an increase in revenue presumed.
- 2021 budget is balanced barring major surprises.
- BVRA's projected budget will be presented to East Buffalo Township and Lewisburg Borough for review and consideration of BVRA needs as each municipality fashions its 2022 budgets.
- Full BVRA budget and financials will be available on the BVRA website.

New Business –

- John discussed the need for signage on the Greenspace building. John highlighted that this discussion has been going on for the three years BVRA has resided in the building. The building's management has erected a lighted stanchion by RT. 15 for tenant signage. Management is asking a one-time fee of approximately \$9,000 for the use of the stanchion, preparation, and placement of BVRA signs on both sides of the structure. The board discussed cost and options. John will contact Greenspace management to discuss costs and options and will report back to the board.
- John and BVRA attorney Bob Kravitz will investigate changing BVRA incorporation status from an 170c non-profit to a 501c non-profit. Conversion, if possible, would allow BVRA to accept funding from a larger pool of organization and government funding sources.

Executive Session - None

Adjournment – 7:27 P.M.