

BVRA Board Meeting - October

Date: Wednesday, 10/22/2025 Time: 6:30pm Location: Greenspace, 815 Market St.

Opening:

- Call to Order - Mr. Bergonia at 6:32 pm.
- Attendance - Mr. Bergonia
 - In attendance: Pete Bergonia, Dana Bernardo, Char Gray, Tim Hutchings, Patrick Shandera, Stacy Gasteiger, John Rowe
 - Absent: Mike Glazer, Phil Stamm
- Comments from the Public on Agenda Items (Please limit your comments to three minutes) – none in attendance.

Board Information:

Operations report - Mr. Rowe

- Recreational gym programs. Doing well. Session # 6 exceeds the 2024 session # 6 by about \$2K. The busiest session is 'Burst' which is the entry level gymnastics class.
- Candle fundraiser. This is the major fund raiser for the gymnastics programs. Encourage friends and family to purchase!
- Pool projects and grants.
 - Pool restoration. With the help of Ian from Bucknell Natatorium and Mike Dunlop (owner, pool servicing company), we have identified critical short-term and longer-term repairs which include work on the pool surface, perimeter, drains, filters and intakes. See notes below regarding Degenstein grant application and other possible funding sources.
- Maintenance projects.
 - Curtis is working with Chad Willow to identify needed park equipment improvements. This includes slides, tube slides, and skate park.
 - Curtis will work on making needed repairs to the warming house. Since these repairs will go into the December timeframe, we will not have the annual 'Cocoa with Santa' program this year.
- Advertising plan. John presented advertising ideas, which would allow local companies to advertise at the pool and park with banners, and at the gym with banners or via BVRA TV. More to follow. John would like comments on pricing strategies from Board members by next month.

- Gym cleaning. We had a discussion regarding current monthly rug cleaner. John will discuss continued contracted services with the company.
- Parents Night out – Late shoppers night is the first Friday in December. We will plan to hold a Parents Night Out in the gym that evening to coincide with the downtown event. Dana will confirm the timeframe for Late shoppers night and advertise a Parents Night Out function at the gym to coincide.

Board Information:

- FEMA Update - Ms. Gray
 - HRG completed the tennis court bid process through PA Municibid. Three companies submitted bids. The winning bid was Dave Gutelius Excavating at \$276,449. This was within the amount awarded by FEMA. At meeting time, we did not know the timing for when Gutelius could complete the work. The motion and vote are contingent upon a timely completion date. Char will follow up with Anna at HRG to confirm start date of project.
 - Motion by Char and seconded by Tim to accept the bid from Gutelius Excavating company in the amount of \$276,449, contingent upon a timely project completion date. Unanimous approval.
- Degenstein grant application – we submitted a grant application to Degenstein Foundation requesting \$35K for the needed pool renovations. The Degenstein Board does not meet until December. Degenstein has recently funded other similar pool projects for aging pools, so we are hopeful. Waiting until spring to do all the needed work may jeopardize the June 1 pool opening date, as weather is unpredictable. We discussed whether to start the needed pool work that could be completed this fall, with the hope of receiving partial or full funding. We do have money in our reserve fund to cover any shortfalls in grant funding if needed.
 - Motion by Patrick and seconded by Stacy to accept the bid from Bobby Cross for the sandblasting, repair and painting work. Unanimous approval.
- LSA Plan, Summer Camp - Mr. Rowe
 - John reported that he received notice that we have been approved for \$61K in funding from the FSA grant, once PA approves its budget. These funds are to be used for gymnastics and gym.
 - Warming house – We discussed a needed restoration of the warming house: plumbing, flooring, ceiling insulation, electrical. John received a quote for \$150K in restoration costs for the warming house. He will get a couple more quotes. We will submit a grant application to FSA for this work.
 - Motion by Tim and seconded by Patrick to pay Penn Strategies \$3K to prepare the application for the November 30 deadline. Unanimous approval.

Board Action:

- September Financials – motion to approve by Dana and seconded by Pete. Unanimous approval.
- September Minutes – motion to approve by Tim and seconded by Stacy. Unanimous approval.

Adjourn – at 7:35 pm