

Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (B.V.R.A.)

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August 26, 2026

Call to Order – 7:00 AM

Attendance –

Present: John R., Pete B., Char G., Dana B., Patrick S., (Phil S., Via phone)

Absent: Tim H., Mike G., Stacy Gasteiger

Motions –

- Approval of June 2026 minutes. Motion: Char G., Second, Patrick S. Approved. Unanimous.
- Approval of June 2026 financial report: Motion: Char G., Second, Patrick S. Approved. Unanimous.
- Approval of July 2026 minutes. Motion: Char G., Second, Patrick S. Approved. Unanimous.
- Approval of July 2026 financial report: Motion: Char G., Second, Patrick S. Approved. Unanimous.

Finances- Char G.

- There has been some FEMA grant confusion over funding for flood mitigation on the tennis court project and funding for the cost of HRG's project management costs. Overall, FEMA/PEMA funding is around the same but line items need to be matched for specific costs. Final cost overrides to be submitted for fencing cost differences. 25% of final funding still owed to BVRA after project closeout.

Operations Report – John R.

- Gymnastics is starting a new session so we should begin to see revenue and registrations pick up as fall begins.
- Gym Team has been adding new members and retaining members and is on the upswing.

- Summer at the pool went well. Some normal hiccups include bathroom plumbing issues that were resolved in July. Gym staff helped fill gaps in lifeguard shifts as guards returned to school. John is looking to add more local businesses to the concession stand next year.
- The temporary leak fixed sufficed this summer but will be more permanently addressed for next season.
- We will enlist outside help to winterize pool again this year but plan to purchase equipment to be able to winterize the pool in-house in the future.
- Char raises concern about pool masonry and repainting at the start of the season. John plans to meet with existing contractors to repair and upkeep both in the future with their help.
- Cabana and private pool party rental processes to be streamlined next year but were overall a success this season.
- Camp performed well with more localized and affordable field trips to RB Winter, Campus Theatre and the Farmer's Market. Attendance was consistent throughout the summer.
- Ash Borer trees in the park continue to be an issue. John and Bill Lowthert from Lewisburg Borough have discussed cost for removal of 6 trees by Citizen's Electric. Remaining affected trees should be taken down in the near future for safety and the borough has offered trees to replant.
- Wildflower plantings were discussed for the marshy areas on the park by the creek. Wildflowers would be an additional cost but would eliminate the need for mowing these areas.
- John has spoken with a skatepark company regarding repairs to the existing boards/structures. Company advised that repairs and sourcing materials are difficult for older style parks like ours as skateparks are moving toward concrete construction now. John will continue to look for people to help repair some boards in the park.

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Finance – Report attached to email.

Adjournment – 7:45 AM

NEXT MEETING
Wednesday
September 28th, 6:30 PM