

BUFFALO VALLEY RECREATION AUTHORITY

Board Minutes

August 25, 2021

Call to Order – Executive session 7:31 A.M. Regular Session 8:04 A.M.

Attendance – Absent: George Botelho, Patrick Shandera, Pat Musselman, Dana Bosak (voted by telephone on BVRA director hiring, absent from meeting)

Guests – Katie Evans

Approval of Minutes – No vote, lack of quorum

Public Participation - None

Operations Report –

- Two trees will be cut down for safety reasons by Lemur Tree Service on 9/1, along the nature trail in the west field.
- Christmas in July was successful BVRA will receive \$1000 check for event. Organizer, Karen Tishman, wants to hold event again in 2022 and possibly add a second event in the park.
- Two-day adult and youth triathlon attracted 101 participants. Discussion concerning decreasing participant numbers over the past few years and the viability of the event as an income producer. Organizer Rochelle Kane wants to hold the event again in 2022 with stepped-up marketing. Pool, and gym staff were recognized for stepping up when emergency help was needed.
- Staffer Gaby Shrawder has been experimenting with and has posted a BVRA video on Facebook and Instagram.
- John Rowe said he still thinks it will take a few years for the gymnastics program to return to pre-Covid levels, but entry level gym enrollment has drastically increased. John said the best gauge of the gym program's health is interest by the youngest, entry level, kids.
- Skate park repair/maintenance will cost about \$1,500. Maintenance staff (Pete Bergonia and Jack Fisher) are speaking with a few technicians to get the work done. Meanwhile, the skate park is up and running. Also, three swings at the playground need to be replaced.
- Pete reported that the community pool is being drained. Winterization will be done by Boyer Pool.
- BVRA will be receiving approximately a \$2,000 credit from the sewer authority. Pete and the authority worked out a revised formula involving backwashing and draining the pool.
- Pete and Char Gray have documented all pool procedures.

- Pool season-ending “Doggie Dips” were canceled because of pump problems. This event has been profitable in the past.

Financial Report

- See financial statement email.
- Discussion about fundraising event planning.

Highlights:

- Proposed new budget will have a 2-percent increase in funds contributed by Lewisburg Borough and East Buffalo Twp. As in years past, request for extra funding from the municipalities will be needed, but hopefully much less. Much depends on Covid’s impact.
- Other donations and grants will be pursued.
- Pool revenue for 2021 was approx. \$55,000 compared with \$88,000 in 2019.
- Community Park revenue was up this year. Discussion was that because of Covid residents were look for outdoor venues. Tennis lesson revenue was good. First time Pickle Ball tournament was successful. Park brought in \$19,000.
- Discussion concerning PA Department of Human Services (DHS) licensing for children’s activities (Nature school, camp, pre-school, etc.) was discussed. Further clarification on what is needed will be researched. Board suggested to proceed while information is being gathered.
- Gym revenue (including martial art classes) \$417,000.
- Income for 2019 \$976,000, post-Covid 2022 income is projected at \$815,000.

Old Business

New Business –

- John Rowe, long-time BVRA gymnastics director and interim BVRA director, was offered the post of permanent BVRA director. The directorship’s yearly salary and benefits, as offered by the board, are \$55,000 plus family health benefits and vacation. John asked for a short time to consider the offer.

Executive Session

- Discussion concerning leadership, staffing, benefits,
- and salaries.

Adjournment -