

BUFFALO VALLEY RECREATION AUTHORITY

Board Minutes

July 28, 2021

Call to Order – 7:30 A.M.

Attendance – Absent: Patrick Shandera, Pat Musselman

Guests – Katie Evans

Approval of Minutes - Char Gray, Tim Hutchings

Public Participation - None

Operations Report

- It was discussed and agreed that BVRA's "Christmas in July" event on July 10th in St. Mary Park was a success. Vendors at the event were satisfied with the turnout. Karen Tishman, one of the event's organizers, is very interested in setting this up again next July. Char suggested that a meeting with Tishman should be set to discuss this and what could be done better.
- Interim BVRA director John Rowe reported that he has received one estimate on the cost of removing two trees along the nature trail in the West Field that need to come down. Lemur Tree Care's cost is \$1,530. John is waiting on a quote from Bartlett Tree Service, and possibly one other company. It was discussed that perhaps only one tree needed to be removed.
- John said that the gymnastic program is picking up and that hopefully by fall enrollment will be close to 75-80 percent of pre-Covid enrollment. He is still training new staff to fill positions after losing seasoned trainers during the Covid slowdown. John said this is happening slowly. Competitive gymnastic teams will not be ready for a couple of years. John explained that losing a year of training has wrecked the teams and it will be a slow build-back.
- Birthday parties at the gym are happening, but not to the level hoped. Mike Glazer suggested that, if the client approved, newspaper coverage of a party might stimulate community interest.
- Nature Program Director Becky Cunfur said that the BVRA summer camp kids are now using the gym one day a week and that they love it.
- Pool operations were discussed. John wants to establish a firm standard operating procedure, which he described as currently nonexistent.

- The transition of BVRA's computer recreation software from MaxGalaxy to RecDesk is ongoing. The transition needs to, and should, be complete by October 1.
- John and Mike met with Brian and Kyle of the YMCA to discuss a beneficial relationship between our two organizations. The "Y" seems agreeable to share facilities when possible. Becky will be arranging for the BVRA campers to use the "Y's" indoor basketball courts to initiate the reciprocal plan. Discussions will continue.
- The "Tom Szulanczk Memorial Butterfly Garden" groundbreaking will be on July 31. Tom's son, Ben, will be doing most of the work along with Pete Bergonia and Jack Fisher. The Szulanczk family plans on donating funds each year to maintain the garden.

Financial Report

For the full spreadsheets see Email sent out by John, 6/26/2021.

- Char has been overseeing the finances during the past month and making sure accounting procedures and set and in place for the future.
- Char will chart a profit and loss comparison for years 2019, 2020, 2021.
- BVRA is amid an annual internal audit and a workers compensation audit.
- BVRA will send a funding request to East Buffalo Township.

Old Business

- **None**

New Business

- Becky is preparing programs for the fall, beginning in early September, for both pre-school and school-aged children. These programs will run Monday thru Thursday. Becky said there seems to be strong public interest. This will be a test run of these new programs.
- The swimming pool closes Sunday 8/15. It was discussed and planned to open the pool for one "bonus" weekend. Depending on the ability to secure lifeguards, the pool will re-open Friday 8/20 thru Sunday 8/22 as a thank you to the community for its support.
- Doggy Dips will take place Friday 8/27 thru Sunday 8/29.
- Discussion took place to continue private swimming lessons until the pool officially closes.

Executive Session - 8:14

- No votes or decisions.

Adjournment – 8:26