

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

Executive Director John Rowe

Board of Directors Chair Peter Bergonia, Lewisburg Borough Vice Chair Tim Hutchings, East Buffalo Township
Treasurer Char Gray, East Buffalo Township Secretary Mike Glazer, East Buffalo Township
Lewisburg Borough: Patrick Shandera, • Dana Bernardo, • Bina Bilenky • Pat Musselman, East Buffalo Township

March 22, 2023

Call to Order – 6:30 PM

Attendance – Present: John Rowe, Pete Bergonia, Mike Glazer, Patrick Shandera, Dana Bernardo, Bina Bilenky, Pat Musselman. **Absent:** Tim Hutchings, Char Gray.

Introductions – Bina Bilenky attended her first meeting, replacing Jordi Comas, representing Lewisburg Borough.

Approval of February’s Minutes

- **MOTION to approve:** Dana. Second: Patrick. Unanimous.

Operations Report – John Rowe

- The new gym rig is almost complete and is being used by both martial arts and gymnastics classes.
- New camp director Grace Reimer is doing well. Staff hiring for summer camps is going slowly. Because of this Explorers Day Camp, for the youngest campers 3-to-5 years old will not be held this year. Overall enrollment for camp is ahead of last year.
- The extension of the concrete pool deck will be done by Nate McBride Contractors for \$8,800, as approved by the board in February. John said there is some discussion that the Gator’s Swim Club may donate funds toward the work.
- The concession window at the pool facing the community park will be opened this year to serve park goers.
- Resurfacing and line painting of the tennis courts by the Brenneman Company, which was approved by the board at February’s meeting, will be done in May after Boy’s high school tennis season is complete.
- The board discussed and approved spending \$7,658 in the pool house to replace 4) toilets, 1) urinal all with hands-free flush, and 5) wall-hung sinks with hands-free faucets work will be done by Knauss Plumbing of Lewisburg.
- The board also discussed and approved \$12,706 for the repair and resurfacing of the floors in the shower house, office area, snack bar area and small (public) toilet. A non-slip floor will be applied. Work will be done by CHMR LLC of Lewisburg. The plumbing and flooring upgrades were made possible through the Union County’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant.
- **MOTION to approve plumbing and flooring:** Pete. Second: Pat.

Approval of February's Financials – Char Gray

- Financial Report attached to email.
- **MOTION to accept:** Mike. Second: Patrick

New Business –

- In an email to the board Char recommended the board consider moving part of BVRA's excess funds into the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT). This fund is liquid and pays approximately 4.74%. This is compared to 1.4% BVRA is earning at Susquehanna Community Bank (SCB). Dana said that BVRA had approached SCB asking if they could match, or at least come close to the PLGIT rate. SCB could not. Patrick suggested that before funds were moved BVRA should speak with a few other local banks. It was agreed that if it would be best to keep funds local if feasible. The board will decide at April's meeting. *(PLGIT is a financial service organization created and run by local government officials exclusively for Pennsylvania's municipalities, authorities, schools and other local and regional governmental type entities and endorsed by The PA Municipal League.*
- East Buffalo Township asked BVRA to be a sponsor, to demonstrate community support, for EBT's establishment of the Spruce Hills Park. Community support is required for grant funding. BVRA will hold no legal responsibility for the park.
- **MOTION to support EBT's request:** Mike. Second, Patrick. Approved Unanimously.
- Discussion continued concerning the feasibility of building a community ice skating rink. John spoke with Jason Fitzgerald of Penn Strategies, Williamsport, concerning grant funding. Penn Strategies assists communities and non-profits secure project grants. This is just another step in, what will be, a long fact-finding process.

Adjournment – 7:24 PM