

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

Executive Director John Rowe
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Board Minutes

April 26, 2023

Call to Order – 6:30 PM

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

Approval of Minutes – MOTION to approve: Tim H. Second: Bina B. Unanimous.

Public Participation - None

Operations Report – John Rowe

- Upgrades and maintenance to the community pool are ongoing. Concrete deck extension is complete. New floor installation in the shower/lockers is ongoing.
- Still looking at filling full-time gym staff positions. Staff are being hired, but because of age, skill level, and school there is the question of how many will stay on.
- Summer camp director Grace Reimer says prep for camp is going well.
- Some local groups have shown interest in volunteering to clean up the park.
- There was a request to set aside one tennis court and dedicate it exclusively for pickleball. Because Lewisburg High School uses and pays a fee for the courts it is not financially feasible to remove one court for exclusive pickleball use. The courts will continue to be shared.
- BVRA will purchase an EZ Pass to reduce road toll costs. It will be used for BVRA business and especially for travel to and from the 16 to 18 gym meets BVRA participates in each year.

Old Business

- After consideration and discussion carried over from BVRA's March meeting concerning deposit choices of approximately \$75,000 in BVRA funds the board decided to deposit approximately one-third of the funds in a local financial institution (probably M&T Bank) and approximately two-thirds in PLGIT.* The reason for the split investment was weighed between liquidity, local investment, and interest on deposit. **MOTION to split deposit:** Mike G. Second: Dana B. unanimous.

Old Business continued:

- Ice Rink discussion continued with a proposal received from Jason Fitzgerald of Penn Strategies concerning procurement of grant funding. Penn Strategies submitted a contract to represent BVRA in securing grants for a fee of \$5,000 per month. After a discussion the board asked our director to get further, detailed information.

New Business

- Purchase and installation of four sturdy, permanent, wooden cabanas that will sit on the new 20-ft X 60-ft extension of the community pool deck was discussed. Cabanas will be available for daily rental: \$25 weekdays, \$50 weekends. It was discussed that there is a demand for shade, and private areas around the pool. It is projected the cabanas will pay for themselves in a reasonable time. Yoder's Barns and Storage, Mifflinburg, will erect four cabanas at \$3,500 each (\$14,000).

MOTION to approve cabana purchase: Pat M. Second: Tim H. Unanimous.

- Community Park: Hillyard's Landscaping, Lewisburg, proposed to: Clean out landscape areas around the park and play area and entrance to parking lot across street, prune as needed, weed. Edge and mulch areas with brown color enhanced mulch for \$1,950. Also, proposed a May-November landscape maintenance schedule for \$1,250. An initial price for 2023 would be \$3,150 for an overall cleanup, mulching and maintenance. (See Attached.) **MOTION to approve contract with Hillyard:** Tim H. Second: Bina B. Unanimous.

Financial Report – Char Gray (See Attached)

- **MOTION to approve:** Pat M. Second: Mike G.

Executive Session – None

Adjournment – 7:30 PM

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Next Meeting

May 24

6:30 PM