

Buchanan Township Board of Trustees  
 Public Hearing, Joint Meeting with Buchanan City, January 24, 2022  
 Held at Chamber of Buchanan City Hall

**PUBLIC HEARING, JOINT MEETING WITH BUCHANAN CITY COMMISSION AND BUCHANAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MONDAY JANUARY 24, 2022 – 7:00 pm

CHAMBER OF BUCHANAN CITY HALL – 302 N REDBUD TRAIL, BUCHANAN, MI

**MINUTES**

*The entire Joint 5-Year Recreation Plan is available on the City website and can be found at the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/4baehab8> . Printed copies are also available at Buchanan City Hall.*

**I. City Call to Order Joint Meeting**

Mayor Denison called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**II. Township Call to Order Joint Meeting.**

Supervisor Cole-Crocker called to order at 7:00 P.M.

**III. City Roll Call**

Present: Mayor Sean Denison, Mayor Pro Tem Mark Weedon, Commissioner Cameron Downey, Commissioner Larry Money, Commissioner Patrick Swem.

Absent: None

**IV. Township Roll Call**

Present: Supervisor Mindy Cole-Crocker, Township Trustee Lynn Ferris, Treasurer Rachel Plank, Clerk Wendi Heyliger

Absent: Brad Huebner

**V. City Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Weedon, seconded by Downey to approve the agenda. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**VI. Township Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Heyliger, seconded by Ferris to approve the agenda. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**VII. City Open Public Hearing**

**Motion made by Swem to the City of Buchanan Joint Public Hearing on the draft “Joint Five-Year Recreation Plan”, to accept public comment regarding the plan, Seconded by Weedon. At 7:02 PM.**

Yea: Denison, Weedon, Downey, Money, Swem.

Nay: None

### VIII. Township Open Public Hearing

**Motion made by Plank to the City of Buchanan Joint Public Hearing on the draft "Joint Five-Year Recreation Plan", to accept public comment regarding the plan, Seconded by Ferris. At 7:02 PM.**

Yea: Cole-Crocker, Ferris, Plank, Heyliger.

Nay: None

**Public Comments were made.**

**Dan Vigansky** Wanted to say thank you to Marcy Hamilton, the time limit was very constrained on this. Heyliger and Plank were a lot of help on this, with lots of time going into proofreading the plan. Dan is very excited to be working with the township collectively.

**Juanita Lewis** New Resident to Buchanan, happy to be here. Believes we can all work together.

**Marcy Hamilton** with Southwest Michigan Planning Commission- Been a pleasure to work with the City and Township on a Joint Plan. SMPC serves Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. Buchanan City and Township are one of the few that chose to work with their neighbors on Joint Plans and wanted to commend the City and Township on that effort. No other communities in Berrien County have done a joint plan. Offered Congratulations to City and Township.

**Mayor Denison** thanked Marcy Hamilton for all her work making this happen.

### IX. City Close Public Hearing

**Motion made by Denison, seconded by Swem to close the City of Buchanan's joint public hearing on the draft 'Joint Five-Year Recreation Plan". At 7:08 PM.**

Yea: Denison, Weedon, Downey, Money, Swem.

Nay: None

### X. Township Close Public Hearing

**Motion made by Cole-Crocker, seconded by Plank to close Buchanan Township's joint public hearing on the draft 'Joint Five-Year Recreation Plan". At 7:08 PM.**

Yea: Cole-Crocker, Ferris, Plank, Heyliger.

Nay: None

### XI. Joint New Business

**A. City of Buchanan to Consider a Resolution to Adopt the Buchanan Community Recreation Plan 2022-2026.**

Motion made by Money, seconded by Downey, to Approve Resolution #2022.01/240 to adopt the "Joint Five-Year Recreation Plan" as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

**B. Buchanan Township to Consider a Resolution to Adopt the Buchanan Community Recreation Plan 2022-2026.**

**Motion made by Plank, seconded by Heyliger, to Approve Resolution #2022-06 to adopt the "Joint Five-Year Recreation Plan" as presented. Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

Discussion opened with Plank, echoing the comments about Marcy, as well as City Manager Grace. Township happy to be involved.

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**XII. Township Public Comment**

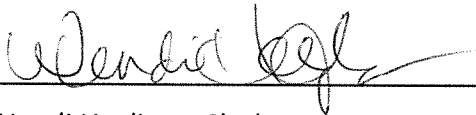
None.

**XIII. Township Executive Comments**

Cole-Crocker thanked everyone for coming out, as well as thanking City Manager Grace and Marcy Hamilton. Stating this is a huge endeavor and will bring people in to enjoy our parks. Believes it's a fantastic move for the City and Township to work together.

**XIV. Township Adjourn- *End of Joint Session, Regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission Continues.***

**Motion made by Plank, seconded by Ferris, to adjourn the Buchanan Township Board of Trustees Meeting. Roll call vote carried unanimously. (*Regular meeting of the Buchanan City Commission continues.*) At 7:09 PM**



Wendi Heyliger, Clerk



Malinda Cole-Crocker, Supervisor

