

Bridgman Community Recreational Council Agenda  
Tuesday, November 18, 2025  
6:30 p.m.  
Bridgman High School Media Center

Members Present: Danielle Ernsberger (Youth Baseball), Kaleena Brown (Youth Baseball) Naomi Olson (Youth Soccer), Richard Stachurski (Floor Hockey), Danielle Mottl (Floor Hockey), AJ Mottl (Floor Hockey) Emily Nannfeldt (Aquatics Center), Lori Graves (BES Playground), Erik Haskins (Assistant Interim Athletic Director/Community Recreation Director) Shane Peters (Superintendent/Interim Athletic Director/Community Recreation Director)

Members Absent: Russ Jones (Youth Softball) and David Wyman (Rocket Football)

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Shane Peters, Superintendent/Interim Athletic Director

1. Welcome and Introductions – Superintendent Peters welcomed everyone to the annual Community Recreation meeting. Introductions occurred.
2. Community Recreation Insurance Update – Mr. Streffling was not able to attend the meeting but has renewed the recreation insurance for 2026. A copy of the policy is on file at the Office of the Superintendent.
3. Community Recreation Director Address – Superintendent Peters provided an overview of the meeting's format and welcomed Erik Haskins who will most likely be taking over the Community Recreation Director duties in the future.
4. Community Recreation Program Update
  - A. Number of Participants (Number, Up or Down from previous years)
  - B. Season Recap
  - C. Financial Update
  - D. 2025 Season (Anything new? Expectations?)
  - E. Issues and/or Concerns
  - F. Other
- Youth Soccer – Spring 152 participants/12 teams – Fall 193 participants (55 from New Buffalo)/16 teams – Will be looking for a treasurer in the future – No financial concerns. \$14,585

- Youth Baseball – 121 participants - Tee-Ball (6 teams), 8U (2 teams), 10U (2 teams), 12U (2 teams) and Pony (2 teams). Successful season. Participated in two (2) all-star tournaments. The BBA will be looking for a new president in the future. No financial concerns. \$21,103
  - Youth Softball – 93 participants - 8U (2 teams), 10U (2 teams), 12U (2 teams) and 14U (2 teams). No concerns shared. No financial concerns. \$19,328.21
  - Floor Hockey – Welcome new president Danielle Mottl - 175 hockey players from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade – 18 registered in the new development program for 4 to 6 year olds – Going back to the Buchanan tournament this season – the adult league is still undecided at this time – adding an additional pre-season tournament in Lansing. No financial concerns. \$14,000
  - Football – We had 47 athletes signed up for Rocket Football this year, a slight decrease from the past couple years. We had 17 signed up for Flag Football (K-2nd Grade), divided into 2 teams. We had 17 signed up for Rocket Minors Flag Football (3rd/4th grade), divided into 2 teams. We had 13 signed up for Rocket Majors, all on 1 team. Flag football played teams from Buchanan, River Valley/New Buffalo, and Berrien Springs. Minors played teams from Berrien Springs, River Valley/New Buffalo, Bloomington and Bangor. Majors played in our 8-man league with Fennville, Saugatuck, Bloomington, Red Arrow Raiders, and Eau Claire. The Rocket Football account had \$4,574.61 as of the end of October.
  - Community Playground – Students and community members continue to enjoy the recently renovated playground.
  - Aquatic Center - Operations continue to run smoothly with strong community participation. Staffing recruitment remains an ongoing priority. Looking forward to the upcoming renovation project, which will bring significant improvements to the facility.
5. Aquatic Center Renovations Spring/Summer 2026 – The Bridgman Aquatic Center will be closed from April through August 10, 2026 for a \$4.2 million renovation funded entirely by the community's recreation millage, with no tax increase or impact on school instructional funds. The project will modernize key systems, improve energy efficiency, and enhance the user experience for swimmers, students, teams, therapy programs, and families. Upgrades include a new HVAC system, a replacement roof, improved UV water treatment, structural maintenance and recaulking, updated fire alarms, and refreshed pool deck finishes.

## 6. Community Recreation Budget Update –

Balance in Rec as of 6/30/2025: \$2,195,340.00  
 Total Revenue (2025-2026): \$905,000.00  
 Anticipated Expenses (2025-2026) (\$626,500.00)\*  
 \*conservative estimate of expenses

## 7. 2025-2026 Community Recreation Projects

ACTIVITY/PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COST
Youth Baseball	Hot Dog Machine	\$354.99
	6 dozen Pony Baseballs	\$330.00
	10 dozen baseballs	\$550.00
	4 dozen tee balls	\$168.00
	1 pitching machine	\$1,945.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,347.99</b>
Youth Softball	2 dozen game softballs 11 in	\$151.38
	4 dozen game softballs 12 in	\$136.98
	2 Box Screens w/wheels	\$1,1138.00
	2 dozen 11" pitching machine softballs	\$236.38
	25 bags of chalk	\$100.00
	2 scoreboard controllers	\$1,100.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,862.74</b>
Youth Floor Hockey	1 set of "tall" sticks	
	2 sets of regular sticks	\$812.33
	Pucks	\$51.90
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$864.23</b>
Youth Soccer	Newstripe EcoLiner	\$3,440.59
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,440.59</b>
Youth Rocket Football	Helmet	\$4,257.00
	Repair/Reconditioning	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,257.00</b>
Community Recreation Programs	Recreational Insurance	\$9,396.00
	Sports Engine	\$649.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,045.50</b>
Oscar Zielke Field	Field Maintenance and Fertilization	\$2,400
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>
Community Playground	Outdoor Balls	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27,718.05</b>

8. Old Business – No Old Business

9. New Business – No New Business

10. OIGG (Other Information for the Good of the Group) – Nothing

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.