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Joseph Harris  
Benton Harbor Emergency Manager  
200 E. Wall St.  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Re: Non-response to June 7, 2011 Letter

Dear Mr. Harris,

In my June 7<sup>th</sup> letter to you I requested that you respond to the concerns and issues I raised. As I have not yet received answers I am following up with another request that you reply to my letter.

I understand that you have changed the hours of access to Jean Klock Park. You said at a Townhall meeting that the hours of 10 a.m. till 10 p.m. were set by the previous city manager but that is not true. The hours that Mr. Carter set were 7 a.m. till 10:00 p.m. as indicated on the sign at the entrance to the park. Now that you have set the hours to reflect the charter I would still like to know if you are planning on closing the park during the off season.

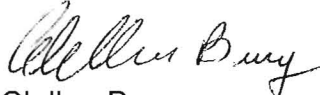
I also want answers to my concerns about special events and how public access will be handled. The Whirlpool sponsored Ironman Steelhead Triathlon is fast approaching. I would like to know what is going to be done to insure that the public's right to use the park is dominant to those who paid to participate in this privately sponsored event.

To my knowledge there was never a reservation fee to use the small picnic pavilion in the interior of the park. Apparently the pavilion had already been reserved prior to the recent notice being published in the newspaper advertising that the picnic pavilion near hole 9 is open for 2012 reservations. The lease agreement says that the public's right to use that area is dominant to the rights of Harbor Shores. It is my opinion that if the PGA is allowed to control the picnic area for the Senior PGA event, Harbor Shores and the City of Benton Harbor will be in default of the lease agreement. Also, will the public have full access to the beach during the PGA or has the beach been secretly rented as well. And what is going to be done to keep the gallery on the leased premises only, and at

the same time protect the sand dunes from mobs of people who don't understand how fragile they are?

This is my second request for a response. As a tax paying resident of the City of Benton Harbor I have a right to have my concerns addressed.

Respectfully,



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Cc:

Rodney Stokes – Director Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
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