



Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes DRAFT -April 7, 2025

1. Call to Order:

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Dan Monahan on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 4:00pm in the Somerset Center Community Room, 12715 E. Chicago Road, Somerset Center, MI 49282.

2. Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee Members in Attendance: Dan Monahan, Shaina Kulczycki, John Scaramucci, Steve Meckley.

Absent: Lesley Weidner.

Other Attendees and Volunteers: Sydney Fitzpatrick, Kim Crisanti

3. Public Comments: None

4. Approval of March 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Hearing no corrections, Kulczycki moved to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation meeting. Second Monahan. Vote taken with Ayes: 3. Nays: 0. Absent: 1. Minutes approved.

5. Volunteer Hours

Dan: 62 Shaina: 7 John: 6 Terry: 15 Other volunteers: 12 hours

6. Budget

Kulczycki reviewed the current budget and stated the Committee will soon need to prioritize larger park projects while preparing the budget for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

7. McCourtie Park Rentals 2025

Pavillion: 7 total Bridges: 3 total

8. Rathskeller Rentals *See Reservation Binder

Confirmed: 1 total

9. Old Business

- a. **Baseball Field and Bleachers-** Chair Monahan reviewed the status of the baseball fields, and the proposal for purchasing one set of bleachers to complete the fields. After reviewing three different quotes, Monahan moved to purchase a new set of bleachers from Kay Park Recreation for a total cost of \$3,285.00. Second Kulczycki. Roll call vote taken with Ayes: Scaramucci, Kulczycki, and Monahan. Nays: None. Absent: 1. Motion approved. This purchase recommendation will be brought to the Board of Trustees for approval at the April 17, 2025 regular meeting.



- b. **Parks & Rec Policies & Procedures-** Following discussion, this item was tabled.
- c. **Bridge Assessment-** Monahan will be contacting Frontier Rustic Sculpting to schedule a walkthrough for future bridge repairs. No action taken.
- d. **Music in the Park: August & September-** Kulczycki discussed the current Music in the Park events scheduled and options for additional concerts in the future. Meckley suggested coming up with a different event that could have a musical performance, diversifying the events offered at the park. Informational only.

10. New Business

- a. **Portable Toilets-** Kulczycki has contacted All American Portable Toilets and reviewed their past services used at the park. The Committee discussed what portable toilets will be needed for the 2025 season. Informational only.
- b. **Earth Day Celebration Update-** Kulczycki updated the Committee on activities for the upcoming event on April 26, 2025. Informational only.
- c. **IHRCC Coffee and Connections Event at McCourtie Park-** The Irish Hills Regional Chamber of Commerce has asked the Parks & Rec Committee to host the next Coffee and Connections at the Rathskeller by co-sponsoring the event and waiving the rental fees. Following discussion, Scaramucci moved to waive the rental fees for the IHRCC Coffee and Connections event (date TBD). Second Kulczycki. Vote taken with Ayes: 3. Nays: None. Absent: 1. Motion carried.
- d. **IHRCC Community Awards April 17th: Rathskeller Spruce Award!**- Kulczycki shared that McCourtie Park will be receiving a Spruce Award through the Irish Hills Regional Chamber of Commerce at their annual banquet, for the renovations and beautification of the Rathskeller. Member John Scaramucci will attend to accept the award on behalf of the Committee.

11. Round Table

The Committee discussed updates on the Circle Garden, memorial plaques, concession stand improvements, and the tennis & pickleball courts.

12. Announcements

Volunteer Day April 12th, 10am-12pm and

Earth Day Celebration April 26th, 11am-2pm-*Guided nature walk starts at 10am!

Art show by Addison Elementary students, tree giveaway, take-home planted pansies, nature crafts, music, games, and Craveable Food Truck.

10. Adjournment

The April 7, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting was adjourned by Chair Monahan at 5:48pm.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 4:00pm. Please meet in the Township Hall building, Community Room, 12715 East Chicago Road, Somerset Center, MI 49282.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Shaina Kulczycki.