



Parks and Recreation Committee

Agenda August 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Dan Monahan on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 4:01 pm 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, John Scaramucci, Lesley Weidner, Steve Meckley

Committee Members Absent: Shaina Kulczycki

Volunteers and other attendees: Sydney Fitzpatrick, Kim Johnson-Crisanti, Rhonella Brelinski

3. Public Comments – N/A

4. Approval of July 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Monahan moved to approve the July 7, 2025, meeting minutes. Second Scaramucci.

Vote taken: Ayes 3. Nays: 0. Absent 1. July 7, 2025 minutes approved.

5. Volunteer Hours

Dan: 22 Shaina: 92 John: 14 Kim: 10 Rhonella: 12.5 Sydney: 12

Total Volunteer Hours: 162.5 hours

6. Budget

Lesley/Dan reviewed July expenses

7. McCourtie Park Rentals 2025

Pavillion: 17 total **Bridges:** 5 total **US-12 Yard Sale:** 45 total

8. Rathskeller Rentals

4 Confirmed: July 19, July 31, August 9, October 3

9. Old Business

a. Parks & Rec Policies & Procedures – Tabled until the September 8th, 2025 meeting

b. Summer Presenter Program – Joe/Sydney/Rhonella said first workshop, Journaling with Shaina, went well. Varied ages attended.

c. Upcoming Events

- US-12 Garage Sale: Dan confirmed time/date to do the lines for the vendors, Sydney and Steve planned to meet him to assist.
- Music in the Park, Friday, August 22nd, 6-9pm, band is The Metros

10. New Business

- a) Ultra Marathon Charity Race – visitor Rich Tenaglia inquired about hosting marathon and may attend August 4th meeting. Shaina will be following up with him.



11. Round Table

- a) Wedding Update – John said wedding event on August 1st went smoothly, he drove the cart, group rented bridge and pavilion and were in/out within 1 ½ hours.
- b) Terry's resignation – Steve shared the Board's perspective regarding the position having to be posted and that while Joe Grech had applied and was more than likely going to be the most qualified candidate, the application/hiring process had to be followed.
- c) There is still a concern that donation box locks are being jiggled and opened. Dan will look at the locks again.
- d) Cameras – Dan asked how can we move this topic forward, he will circle back around to Shaina.
- e) Coffee and Connections, Irish Hills Chamber event at the Rathskeller on July 31st (co-hosted by Red Letter and Township) had good attendance and created great opportunity to show off the Rathskeller.

12. Announcements

- a) Terry Reister has resigned from his custodial/maintenance duties at the park, Joe Grech will take his place until further notice.
- b) On **Sunday August 3rd**, Terry Reister was interviewed by Diane Hussen, a cement sculptor from Virginia making a youtube documentary about faux du bois art that will feature the bridges!
- c) Volunteer Day – August 9th Volunteer Day is cancelled.

13. Adjournment

The August 4th, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm by Dan Monahan.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Township Hall building, Community Room, 12715 East Chicago Road, Somerset Center, MI 49282.

Minutes submitted by Lesley Weidner, Deputy Treasurer

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