

McCourtie Park-Somerset Township

Parks and Recreation Committee

10426 South Jackson Road

Cement City, MI 49233

Parks and Recreation Committee June 2, 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, June 2, 2025, at 4:00 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, Shaina Kulczycki,

Lesley Weidner

Absent: Steve Meckley

Volunteers and other attendees: Sydney Fitzpatrick, Rhonella Brelinski

2. Public Comments – attendees shared Earth Day Breakdown:

- Event was well attended, more attendees than last year
- Many packets were handed out and Smart Gardeners had contact with 42 people across 5 counties
- Suggested that we consider offering afternoon hours next year because it is often cold in the morning during this event

4. Approval of May 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Kulczycki moved to approve the May 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Seconded by Scaramucci.

Vote taken: Ayes 4. Nays: 0. Absent 1. May 5, 2025 minutes approved.

5. Volunteer Hours

- Dan: 21 Shaina: 32 John: 13 Terry: 2 Rhonella: 2 Sydney: 5 Joe: 6 Kim: 2

Total Volunteer Hours: 83 hours

6. Budget

Shaina reviewed budget and shared that the Board reviewed all lines of the Township's budget and there were some small changes made. The Parks and Recreation budget was lowered slightly from the current year's budget. Reminder that the new budget year begins July 1, 2025.

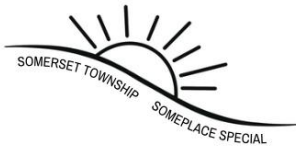
7. McCourtie Park Rentals 2025

Pavillion: 13 total Bridges: 5 total US-12 Yard Sale: 35 total (10 spots left)

8. Rathskeller Rentals

3 Confirmed: July 19, July 31, October

- Reminder to Committee that help will be needed to prepare for the 1st event in July to make sure the building and grounds are ready.



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9. Old Business

a. Baseball Field

- **Yellow Topper** – no longer needed and would like to sell. Shaina will put on Marketplace.
- **Bleachers**- Second set of bleachers will be delivered soon.
- **Baseball / Softball** – Baseball is wrapping up and softball will begin soon. There is interest in starting an official youth softball league.
- **Concession Stand** – Stand looks good and has been used a few times. Goal is to increase use and create a volunteer base to run.

b. Parks & Rec Policies & Procedures- Policy & Procedures will be reviewed at July Board meeting, changes or updates will be made and vote for approval will take place in August.

c. Rathskeller Fridays – Shaina will be staffing the Rathskeller on Fridays Memorial Day thru Labor Day, 9am-4pm

d. Summer Presenter Program – Shaina has been contacted by a few community members interested in doing presentations geared towards special interests such as mushrooms, nature, historical, art, etc. The Committee had a favorable discussion regarding hosting a “Summer Presenter Series” (or Summer Workshops) possibly starting with a few this summer and growing the program in the future. Shaina will work on developing an Application for Summer Series Presentation and share with Committee.

10.New Business

Upcoming Events

a. Music in the Park: Friday, June 13, 2-9pm: Hoping for a good turnout, previous Memorial Day Weekend Music in the Park was not well attended due to weather conditions.

b. Vendors – Shaina presented the idea of having “market” at some Music in the Park events which would allow vendors to sell their products. This Committee felt this could generate more interest and bring more visibility to the events. Shaina will move forward with developing a form and reaching out to potential vendors.

c. Disc Golf Tournament: Saturday June 21, 8am-noon – Walk-through with Tournament Coordinator took place and he has done a lot of work on the course. Shaina will be on site during the tournament.

d. Relay for Life Duck Derby: Saturday June 28, 9am-2pm – the organization will run this event. Shaina will be on site for assistance if needed.

d. Fireworks at the Park: Fireworks will take place Saturday, July 5th, 3-9pm. Help is needed for this event. Schedule for the Day: 3-6pm Family Activities (Pony Rides, Animal Encounter, Bounce House, Duck Races, Bungee Run, Food Trucks), 6-9pm Live Music, Fireworks at Dusk.

11. Round Table

a. Walkway at Bridge – Dan recommended bringing in crushed concrete to fix walkway. Shaina moved for Dan to purchase crushed stone. Dan seconded. Ayes: 4 Nays – 0

b. Recreation Plan – Need to get a 5-year plan in place in order to be eligible to apply for grants and other possible funding resource.

12. Announcements

Shaina will not be at the August 4th meeting.



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10. Adjournment

The June 2, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm by Dan.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Monday July 7, 2025 at 4:00pm at the Township Hall building, Community Room, 12715 East Chicago Road, Somerset Center, MI 49282.

Minutes submitted by Deputy Treasurer Lesley Weidner

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