

Parks and Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes- Draft
March 3, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Dan Monahan on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 4:10pm 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, Lesley Weidner;

Absent: John Scaramucci, Steve Meckley

Volunteers and other attendees: Kim Crisanti

3. Public Comments – n/a

4. Approval of February 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Kulczycki moved to approve the February 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Second by Monahan.

Vote taken: Ayes 3. Nays: 0. Absent 2. February 3, 2025 minutes approved.

5. Volunteer Hours

Dan: 0 hours, Shaina: 7 hours, John: 2 hours, Steve: 2 hours, Sydney: 2 hours, Rhonella – 2 hours, Terry 2 ½ hours **Total: 17.5**

6. Budget

Deputy Treasurer Weidner reviewed the Parks and Rec budget.

7. McCourtie Park Rentals 2025-

Pavillion: 3 total **Bridges:** 1 total

8. Rathskeller Rentals

1 reservation deposit; 4 tentative reservations (June 7, September 6, September 8, May 2026)

Support for creating a brochure and flyers that encompass all rentals available and hiring photographer to take photos of Rathskellar, bridges, pavilion, etc.

9. Old Business

a. Baseball Fields & 2025 Team Schedules

Tentative schedule still stands and Kulczycki will request volunteer help for April 5th Volunteer Day and/or other April dates to work on field (weather permitting). Coordination with the Sheriff's community service workers can start April 22nd. Dan confirmed that there were enough bases and no new need to be purchased at this time. Next steps: begin working on grounds as soon as weather permits, with initial focus being on stone dust and getting grass down.

b. 2025 Events List Update

Shaina shared that Earth Day is April 26th and plans are in the works to hold activities and have a food truck on site that day. Shaina will create a subcommittee to work through details for this event. The second Go Play States Disc Golf Tournament will be held June 21st and will be run by Christopher Otis from Grand River Union Disc Golf Club. Also noted that fireworks will be Saturday, July 5th this year and all park events will be held on that day.

c. Security Camera Quote Update

Computer Ties was the preferred choice and a motion was made by Dan to move forward with hiring Computer Ties and presenting rationale to the Board. The motion was seconded by Shaina. Ayes – 3, Nays – 0.

Shaina will prepare a presentation of information for the Board and is also putting in a request for a grant to help offset expenses of the security cameras.

10. New Business

a. Music in the Park Bands and Contracts

Four Music in the Park dates are scheduled (this includes July 5th); 3 bands are scheduled and working on confirming the last band. Shaina shared that we have been paying the same fee (\$500) to the bands for the last several years and asked for feedback on whether amount should be increased. At this time committee agreed to keep fee the same and to re-visit if the \$500 seemed to be an obstacle to finding talent. Shaina noted that the contract for the July 5th band is \$700.

b. Bridge Assessment

Dan will reach out to Melinda to schedule meeting to review bridges and will contact Shaina with date/time so that she can join meeting. Shaina reminded committee that she attached the file with all bridge photos in February email.

c. Parks and Recreation Committee Policies and Procedures

Current Parks and Rec Committee Policies were shared. No action taken.

11. Round Table

- a) Upcoming Event- Volunteer Day March 8th. Dress for the weather and working outdoors to remove invasive species, pick up trash, etc.
- b) Shaina and Lesley attended Irish Hills Chamber morning coffee event; River Raisin Watershed meeting is coming up and John will plan attend; looking into dates for upcoming Hillsdale County Parks and River Raisin Watershed Council meetings and will try to attend.

10. Adjournment

The March 3, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm by Dan.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 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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