

McCourtie Park-Somerset Township

Parks and Recreation Committee

10426 South Jackson Road

Cement City, MI 49233

Parks and Recreation Committee May 5, 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, May 5, 2025, at 4:02pm 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

Absent: Shaina Kulczycki, Steve Meckley

Volunteers and other attendees: Sydney Fitzpatrick, Rhonella Brelinski

3. Public Comments – n/a

4. Approval of April 7th, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Scaramucci moved to approve the April 7, 2025, meeting minutes. Second by Weidner.

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

5. Volunteer Hours

- Dan: 84 Shaina: 36 John: 10 Terry: 27.5 Rhonella: 15 Sydney: 2 Joe: 12

- Other volunteer hours: 16 hours (Kim C., Linda, Rachael)

- Other: workers for 3 weekends: 94 hours

Total Volunteer Hours: 296.5 hours

6. Budget

Deputy Treasurer Weidner reviewed the Parks and Rec budget noting that there are expected expenses that will be coming in during May and June. Reminder that the new budget year begins July 1, 2025.

7. McCourtie Park Rentals 2025

Pavillion: 15 total

Bridges: 3 total

US12 Yard Sale: 29

8. Rathskeller Rentals

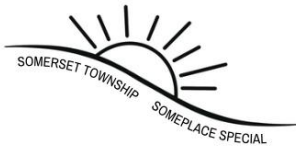
2 Confirmed Reservations: July 19, Sept 6

4 Tentative Reservations: Oct 3, May, 2026, July 2026, Sept 2026

9. Old Business

a. Bleachers- New bleachers are scheduled to be delivered May 14th, 2025.

b. Parks & Rec Policies & Procedures- In progress, plan to present updated information at year end Board meeting.



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c. Bridge Assessment – Melinda and Dan met and walked park and currently waiting for cost estimates.

d. Portable Toilets- Five units have been delivered to park. Two extra units for July 5th fireworks and US-12 Garage Sale will be \$366. They will be delivered July 3rd and kept at the park through August 12th. This was less expensive than having them delivered/picked up for each individual event.

e. IHRCC Coffee and Connections Event at McCourtie Park- Irish Hills Chamber of Commerce event is scheduled for Thursday, July 31st, 8:30-9:30am at the Rathskeller; Co-sponsored with Red Letter Productions

f. Cameras - Dan is waiting for response from Chad Fish regarding wires before determining next steps.

10.New Business

a. Event Updates-Next public event Music in the Park May 23rd, 6-9pm. Band: Storm Bandits, Food Truck: PBJ's BBQ.

b. Rathskeller -Shaina is proposing that the Rathskeller be open on Fridays Memorial Day-Labor Day to promote visibility in the community, 10am-4pm unless the building is rented.

c. Summer Presenter Program – Discussion regarding developing a Summer Presenter Program that would include holding special topic presentations at the Rathskeller was supported by the Committee.

d. Plant Purchases for Circle Garden: Committee is in favor of getting the Circle Garden moved along and set-up for the year. John will purchase plants from Wildtype Nursery and plans to use native plants with a visually stunning and ecologically valuable appeal with theme of “red, white, and blue” for flowering plants. The use of native plants together as a collective community will be drought tolerant, disease resistant and be less management intensive. The added value of providing habitat, beyond beauty, is an important factor.

11. Round Table

a. July 5th Event -Plans will need to begin soon for the July 5th park events

b. SPRUCE Award – John and Sydney attended the Irish Hills Chamber event and accepted the SPRUCE Award on behalf of the Township for the renovation of the Rathskeller.

12. Announcements

a. Volunteer Day Reminder- May 10th, 10am-12pm

10. Adjournment

The May 5, 2025 Parks and Recreation Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm by Dan.

The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 2, 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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