

Approved:

**Midland County Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 4, 2026**

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lynn Evans, Roy Green, Terry Hall, Jim Malek, Larry Schuelke, Jeanette Snyder, Joe Sova, Leah Ziems

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mike Atton

**STAFF PRESENT**

Patrick Clark, Director Midland County Parks and Recreation

**OTHERS PRESENT**

N/A

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Parks Commission Chairman Green at 6:01 P.M. A quorum declared present and the Midland County Parks and Recreation Commission could officially conduct business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Malek, supported by Commissioner Schuelke; Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL MINUTES**

The motion to adopt Approval of January 7, 2026 Minutes, Motion was made by Commissioner Schuelke; supported by Commissioner Ziems; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**PARK/PROECT UPDATES**

Pine Haven trails were cleared of fallen trees on 1-2-26.

Fallen/cut trees were chipped from the entire length of the Rail Trail.

The Midland County Road Commission started to cut a one-mile test bed on the Rail Trail ROW.

Staff is currently building and having steel fabricated for six new gates (River Trails Heritage Park and Sanford Lake Park).

The main bathrooms in Sanford Lake Park are being updated with exterior plumbing/fixtures, fresh paint and repairs/replacements on bathroom stalls.

Park Mechanic completed specifications, worked with Finance to procure the replacement truck to replace the current 2014 truck, and compiled bid information for the replacement of the current RTV 1140.

Several residents picked up firewood from recent cutting at Sanford Lake Park.

Staff finish mowed the trail at River Trails Heritage Park and stock piled wood chips were spread to continue curating the loop path through the east side of the property.

Staff plowed during subsequent snow events.

Pine Haven XC ski trails were compacted on 1-23-26.

Midland County Water District 1 conducted a cross flow survey at the Sanford Lake Park Office/Shop location. Three backflow preventers were installed on three water spigots. All was in compliance.

Seasonal hiring preparations have begun (advertisements, signs, social-media, etc.) Big push will happen in the first part of Feb.

The beach dredging project at Sanford Lake Park has commenced and was in process for three days before being halted due to the weather.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Alcohol in Midland County Parks discussion continuation

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant 25-0149 variance letter

**Motion:** Motion to Submit the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant 25-0149 variance letters to the County Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Sova; supported by Commissioner Schuelke; the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote

B. Midland County Parks and Recreation Fees discussion

C. Central Michigan Mountain Biking Association Memorandum Of Understanding Renewal (April 2026 through April 2028)

**Motion:** Motion to adopt the Central Michigan Mountain Biking Association Memorandum Of Understanding Renewal (April 2026 through April 2028) Motion was made by Commissioner Hall; supported by Commissioner Ziems; the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **ADJORNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. was made by Commissioner Sova and supported by Commissioner Ziems; Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn Evans, Secretary*

*Midland County Parks and Recreation Commission 2/05/2026*