

Approved:

Midland County Parks & Recreation Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2026

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Atton, Lynn Evans, Roy Green, Terry Hall, Jim Malek, Jeanette Snyder, Leah Ziem

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Larry Schuelke, Joe Sova

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 6:00 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 Atton, supported by Commissioner Hall; Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL MINUTES

The motion to adopt Approval of December 18, 2025 Minutes, Motion was made by Commissioner Hall; supported by Commissioner Malek; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

PARK/PROECT UPDATES

Branches were picked up the Santa House in preparation for the lighting ceremony.

Staff worked in conjunction with the County Sherriff office to have a car towed from the Duck Hunters Memorial parking lot.

Staff pushed and staged snow for future plowing at Park Offices/Shop.

Patrick and the Park Commission Chair (Roy Green) interviewed four candidates for the Park Manager position. No offers for second interviews were offered.

Fish habitat work via Heinz Tree Service was completed adjacent to Sanford Lake Park. Heinz Tree Service no longer is in need of access to the north end of Sanford Lake Park.

Patrick worked with the Midland County Road Commission to have a test strip cut on the Pere Marquette Rail Trail to understand their equipment's capabilities for possible future work/partnership.

Core samples were conducted by McDowell Geotechnical Services at the 7 Mile parking lot in Sanford to understand the subgrade before pursuing repair/replacement of the asphalt parking lot.

Staff plowed snow after the significant weather events/snow falls.

Staff compacted snow at the Pine Haven Recreational Area on 12/12/25.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominations Committee Report/Nomination of Officers

Introduction of new officers: Roy Green (Chair), Lynn Evans (Secretary)

Motion: To accept the recommendations by the Nominating Committee, Motion made by Commissioner Hall, supported by Commissioner Atton; Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. TF25-0149- Sanford Lake Park Renovations Update

MDNR TF25-0149 application was among those recommended for funding by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board of Trustees to receive a grant in the amount of \$400,000.00. A formal grant offer will be made in the form of a project agreement (PA) after funds are appropriated by the State Legislature. This process could take 4-6 months (or possibly longer).

C. Discussion- Alcohol on Midland County Parks and Recreation Properties

1. Cost Saving: Officer availability for patrols and paying overtime would be eliminated.

2. Obnoxious Behavior: Fights or incidents would be eliminated (volleyball nets), bolstering the reputation of a family friendly park.

3. Midland County Liability: Staff liability, water based activities, individuals leaving the park intoxicated on the road or on the lake.

ADJORNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M. was made by Commissioner Evans and supported by Commissioner Ziems; Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Evans, Secretary

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