

**Midland County Parks & Recreation Commission
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 6, 2025**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

N/A

STAFF PRESENT

Patrick Clark, Interim Director Midland County Parks and Recreation, Manager Midland County Parks and Recreation

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. David Haskin, President Sanford Historical Society

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Parks Commission Chairman Green at 6:00 PM. 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 Hall and supported by Commissioner Ziems; Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

MINUTES

The motion to adopt Approval of July 9, 2025 Minutes the motion was made by Commissioner Malek, and supported by Commissioner Sova; The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. David Haskin discussed with the Commission about lighting the railroad bridge during the Christmas Holiday Season. The Commission discussed what the project entailed, and advised Mr. Haskin to complete an event application, to be approved at the next Commission meeting.

Parks and Recreation Department Notes: 8-6-25

PARK/PROJECT UPDATES

Laur stairwell is near completion. One last metal grate landing has to be installed along with base stone cover for drainage, transition fill, bench installation, staining and site clean-up. The project is estimated to be fully complete and opened by the end of August.

The 10.5 mile bathroom FRP ceiling was starting to fail and falling off; staff replaced the ceiling with pine tongue and groove planks to match the Sanford Trailhead and Sanford Lake Park facilities.

Michigan Recreation Construction replaced the bi-pass valve on the splash pad. MCPR pro-staff acted as the sub-contractor and completed the tear out, back fill and replacement of the concrete inside/outside of the building to save on cost.

All old style picnic table frames (30+) are being dismantled and scrapped with new frames that have been in storage 10+ years replacing and matching the current braced models on site at Sanford Lake Park.

Interim Director attended a high-level preview of Civic Plus (Board Management Software) with representatives from the Board of Commissioners and Information Technology as a relevant solution to agenda posting, minutes recording and posting of meeting minutes.

The Heart of Michigan Girl Scouts hosted their summer day camp at Veterans Memorial Park from 7-14 through 7-17. Their participation numbers were 78 total participants.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recognition of previous Parks and Recreation Director (John Schmude).

Mission statement Review/Discussion

A new bypass valve, flanges and VFD controller will be installed by Michigan Recreation Construction at the Sanford Lake Splash Pad. Vortex Aquatics will be supplying the VFD controller and housing at no cost, a \$10,000.00 value. A media release went out on July 22, noting the splash pad will be closed for the rest of the season. Construction is in progress and the VFD will ship from Canada on August 15 after being programmed by the manufacturer. The splash pad will re-open fully in 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

SLP/Dam Construction Update: Beach and boat launch dredging to occur in October 2025, flood wall to be constructed in the southeast corner of Sanford Lake Park in late summer 2025, boat launch build to occur in early winter, and Sanford Lake refilled in April 2026. Parking lot restoration/paving, boat launch and boat launch drive construction to be conducted pre-Memorial Day 2026. The Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) has agreed to restore the boat launch drive and the boat launch itself whether the MDNR Trust Fund Grant is awarded or not.

Flood Wall and Rain Gardens: A flood wall/berm will be erected in the southeast corner of Sanford Lake Park along with aquatic vegetation restoration along the south east shoreline. The wall will bridge the line between the FLTF property and Sanford Lake Park property. The FLTF will maintain the embankment with banks mowers. Rain gardens will also be replacing the current retention ponds on the south side of the Sanford Lake Property, aiding in greater water permanence and filtration of pollutants via EGLE mitigation standards.

Kayak Paddle Shack: With the proposed flood wall and mitigation work that the project needs to abide by via Environmental Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) (lake plantings, cattails and other vegetation). The area where the kayak shack is currently sitting will be negated; also, current staffing does not allow the organized or safe

operation of the rental site. Interim Director will work with the Midland Community Foundation and Saginaw Bay WIN (grantors) to see what can be done and find a proper home for the gear/boats/building that still serves the public of Midland.

Scheduling of Executive Committee Budget Mtg.

ADJORNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M. was made by Commissioner Atton and supported by Commissioner Malek. Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Evans

Secretary

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8/27/2025