

**Midland County Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 1, 2026**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Lynn Evans

**STAFF PRESENT**

Patrick Clark, Director Midland County Parks and Recreation

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting called to order by 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**

Chairman Green requested approval of the Agenda for the 1 April 2026 meeting. The motion to approve the Agenda made by Commissioner Atton and supported by Commissioner Synder Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL MINUTES**

The motion to adopt Approval of February 4, 2026 Minutes, Motion was made by Commissioner Schuelke; supported by Commissioner Malek; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**PARK/PROJECT UPDATES**

All stumps from tree work this fall/winter season were ground down and top soil added if needed. Any/all refuse wood material was hauled to the Midland City landfill and chips deposited at River Trails for ground cover on the east trail.

Plows were unhooked and will be winterized before placing into storage. RTV tracks utilized for winter grooming were removed.

Spring clean-up/opening is ongoing at all parks and properties.

Seasonal hiring is in full swing and numbers are still trending low. Guestimate is 5-6 total.

A new float valve and filter sand were ordered and added to the splash pad system as well as all plumbing being connected; the splash pad tool room walls were also painted.

Staff mechanic has prepped all handheld landscaping equipment as well as all mowers.

The Pere Marquette Rail Trail, Pine Haven and outer park trails were checked after heavy winds and trees cut and removed from the trails.

Re-painted splash pad benches were re-assembled and placed.

Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI) staff inspected playgrounds

Two hundred fifty fieldstones were sold to Brigg's Landscaping for \$500.00 (+ removal). The check was deposited to reimbursements and refunds at the Treasurer's Office.

The Park Manager job was reposted and sent to the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association (Mpark) to advertise statewide.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Consent has been given by the MDNR to move forward with the Sanford drainage district project that was proposed by Drain Commissioner Joe Sova. The MDNR has requested the completed project agreements, once finalized.

B. Sanford Lake Park Projects Update

Sanford Lake Park beach/swim area dredging: There will be no payment or cost overages by Midland County to Fisher Contracting (other than what the original contract notes). The remainder of the beach/swim area dredging work will be administered by/under the FLTF.

Boat Launch: The funding for the boat launch will be covered upfront by the Four Lakes winning bid went to Spence Brothers Contracting.

C. The approved 2026 Parks and Recreation fee schedule has been passed through the Finance Committee and will be going to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. Plans moving forward are a tentative charge start date of Memorial Day and is still a moving target.

D. Four Lakes Task Force drainage mitigation project (motion to approve requested)

Drainage Mitigation/Low Impact Development Project: Was approved by Midland County over \$200,000.00 in drainage upgrades to Sanford Lake Park at no cost.

## **ADJORNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 P.M. was made by Commissioner Hall and supported by Commissioner Atton. Meeting adjourned by unanimous voice vote.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Roy C. Green*

*Acting Secretary*

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