

**Midland County Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2026**

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**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

N/A

**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 Ziems; Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL MINUTES**

The motion to adopt Approval of April 1, 2026 Minutes, Motion was made by Commissioner Atton; supported by Commissioner Hall; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

N/A

**Parks and Recreation Department Notes: 5-6-26**

**PARK PROJECTS/UPDATES:**

All bathrooms were opened, water turned on and portable restrooms rotated for the season.

The bollard system for the Rail Trail and the Solar System sculptures were installed along the entirety of the Rail Trail.

All playgrounds were inspected and the power was tested at each pavilion.

Midland County Parks and Recreation collaborated with Midland City Parks and Recreation, loaning the City the County's utility boat on May 1 for the City's annual dock install day.

Staff is entering the official park season with five total seasonal crewmembers. The gatehouse at Sanford Lake Park will be staffed every day from 10:00am to 6:00pm and the splash pad will open at 10:30am and closed at

7:30pm. This will be our baseline for how operation or staffing needs, need to be adjusted to fit expectations and service levels.

Screening of Park Manager applications is ongoing.

Two Supervisors attended Aquatic Facility Operator Training in Canton, MI.

All restroom facility tanks were inspected to verify if pumping is needed pre-season.

Buoys were installed in the swim area at Sanford Lake Park.

Minutes and notes are now live for the Parks and Recreation Commission on Civic Plus.

Run Michigan Cheap Event: April 12, 55 total runners

Central Michigan Mountain Biking Trail Clean-up Event: May 2, 8 total participants

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Sanford Lake Park Boat Launch, Swimming Area/Beach Update

*The final walk through of the beach, swimming area and boat launch was conducted, four items were noted for the engineers and contractors before a final certification of completion is delivered.*

B. Four Lakes Task Force Drainage Mitigation Project and Final Paving

*Paving tentatively planned for May 18 (after drainage mitigation project is completed)*

C. Midland County Rail Trail Village of Sanford: Railroad Bridge Dialogue

*Correspondence from Dolores Porte (Village of Sanford President)*

D. Sanford Lake Park Native Vegetation Buffer (**Motion**)

*Four Lakes Task Force (FLTF) proposes a native vegetative/wildflower buffer on the north end of Sanford Lake Park at the water's edge. The blue area in the overhead map represents the area to be planted with the native seed mix. FLTF is responsible to monitor this location for 3 years after completion to comply with the current EGLE permit. If approved, Spicer Engineering will create a detailed plan set that will illustrate the work to be completed.*

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Hall; supported by Commissioner Atton; the motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

### **ADJORNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Evans, Secretary - Midland County Parks and Recreation Commission 5/11/2026