

Approved:

**Midland County Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 1, 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 6:00 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 Hall, supported by Commissioner Schuelke; Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL MINUTES**

The motion to adopt Approval of June 3, 2026 Minutes, Motion was made by Commissioner Hall; supported by Commissioner Ziems; the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Hall wanted to thank the Park Director and staff for the wonderful job that was done out at River Trails Heritage park.

**PARK PROJECTS/UPDATES**

Various credit card issues through Gov. Pros have been solved. There have been minimal issues with cash over/short since the technical issues were solved with the POS system.

Total gatehouse deposit as of 7/1/26 is \$68,480.00.

Two new seasonal staff started at the end of June bringing the seasonal count to (6) total. All new seasonal staff were trained on basic equipment and mowers.

\*All paving projects at Sanford Lake Park wrapped up. All crews on site have demobilized.

The remainder of the mulch dropped this spring was spread out at River Trails Heritage Park and a large tree removed from the trail on the eastern portion of the property.

\*Rail Trail storm clean up was conducted on 6-11

Staff pulled matting set in place by contractors and over seeded the locations. Matting does not decompose and is easily caught in mower belts and blades.

Stone was dropped along the north end pathway adjacent to the lake shore to re-establish the trail to the main hub of Sanford Lake Park that can be used by Lakeside pavilion guests.

Patrick worked with the Road Commission to set up a possible chainsaw training/refresher course for Road Commission/Park staff in 2027 and a possible Rail Trail Right-Of-Way clearing contract in 2027/2028.

Preventative Maintenance examples taking place each day: Cleaning splash pad filters, Outer park mowing, SLP mowing, unclogging toilets, cleaning restrooms, cleaning grills, cleaning pavilions, raking the beach, splash pad chemistry/back washes, new sign installs, rental set-up, rental take-down, parking area raking/maintenance, etc. is occurring daily.

### **(Motion)**

*The motion was made to accept punch cards for Sanford Lake Park with direction given by Midland County Legal Counsel. Motion was made by Commissioner Hall; supported by Commissioner Sova. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.*

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

N/A

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Phragmites growth at Sanford Lake Park**

Phragmites are increasing in growth near the public swimming area at Sanford Lake Park. The Director would like to open discussion regarding the native and/or invasive growth and investigate the opportunity for control via the Sanford Lake Improvement Board.

#### **B. Park Manager Interview Update**

A second round interview was conducted with a candidate for the Park Manager position. A final on-site interview/tour will take place at the beginning of July.

#### **C. Michigan Department of Natural Resources Five Year Plan Survey Questions**

### **ADJORNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 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 7/13/2026*