

Date: 10/06/2025

Call to Order Time: 6:32 pm

Roll Call

Burnett P
Creech P
Crosby P
Johnson P
LaFrance P
Sanders P
Jones P

Determination of Quorum Y

Approval of Agenda Amended N Motion: Crosby **Second:** LaFrance Passed

Approval of Minutes Amended N Motion: Johnson **Second:** Burnett Passed

Citizens Participation

None

Staff Reports

Hines: West Willow Park; Equipment is mostly delivered with benches delayed. Install will begin soon. Re-opening will be October 18th with a community ceremony and park clean-up after.
Appleridge Park; Path is partially paved and install of playground ground cover in process.
Community Center; Still waiting for Washtenaw County legal to approve remodel of locker rooms.
Civic Center; Parking lot done. Some tree work, etc still to be done. Working on pond project next.
North Bay Park; Projects submitted to MI DNR for grants. Bids should be taken in spring of next year (pending grant approval) Work would then be done in spring and summer.

Castle-Hine:

No report.

Commissioner Reports

Burnett - None

Creech - None

Crosby - None

Johnson - None

LaFrance - None

Sanders - None

Jones - Talked to Wayne County Pars about their purchase and use of a portable stage. Possible purchase for use in Ypsilanti Township parks.

Unfinished Business

Lights and fence repairs at the softball fields at Community Center Park are already underway. Full LED light conversion and new fencing would both be expensive. Not all parks have electric for portable lights, so they would have limited utility. Youth league are larger, but are during summer when lights are less useful. There may be possibility of grants from MLB / Tigers.

New Business

Request for a special use permit for a Renaissance festival style event at Ford Lake Park. Patrick Duotre and Etsie Arruda speaking for the application. Having this event near the Eagle Crest Resort and City of Ypsilanti are a good fit for this type of event. Event will use local vendors and local acting talent. Discussed security and parking issues. Also discussed use of period prop weapons in the event. Setting the event in May before the parks are open for the year would avoid conflict with other uses of park.

Motion: Recommend that the board and staff negotiate a special use permit for the Renaissance fair to be at Ford Lake Park in May of 2026 Moved by Johnson, second by Crosby, passed unanimously.

Announcements

West Willow reopening event to be held October 18th from 8 am to 1 pm.

Location for November meeting to be held at Community Center Moved by Crosby, second by LaFrance, passed unanimously. (canceled due to conflict with election uses of rooms)

Recommendations to the Township Board

Recommend approval of Renaissance festival special use permit, moved by Burnett, second by LaFrance, passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Time: 7:28 **Motion:** Jones **Second:** LaFrance Passed