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# **Ypsilanti Township Park Commission**

## **Regular Meeting**

Date: Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Time: 6:30 P.M.

### **Location**

1<sup>st</sup> Board Room

Ypsilanti Township Tilden R. Stumbo Civic Center

7200 S. Huron River Dr

Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

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### ***REGULAR MEETING AGENDA***

**MONDAY, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2025**

**6:30 P.M.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Determination of Quorum**
- IV. Approval of Agenda**
- V. Approval of Minutes from the October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular Meeting**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
  - A. Staff Reports**
  - B. Commissioner Report**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

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**Proposed Oct 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes****Date:** 10/06/2025**Call to Order Time:** 6:32 pm**Roll Call**

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| 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Commissioner Reports****Burnett** - None**Creech** - None**Crosby** - None**Johnson** - None**LaFrance** - None**Sanders** - None

**Jones** - Talked to Wayne County Parks 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**