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Ypsilanti Township Park Commission

Regular Meeting

Date: Monday, June 1st, 2026

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Location

1st 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, June 1st. 2026****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 May 4th, 2026 Regular Meeting**
- VI. Citizens Participation**
- VII. Reports**
 - A. Staff Reports**
 - B. Commissioner Report**
- VIII. Unfinished Business**
- IX. New Business**
 - A. John E. Lawrence Jazz Fest Application**
- X. Announcements**
- XI. Recommendations to the Township Board**
- XII. Adjournment**

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Proposed May 4th Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/4/2026

Call to Order Time: 6:30

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: LaFrance Second: Crosby Passed

Approval of Minutes Amended N Motion: Sanders Second: LaFrance Passed

Citizens Participation

None

Staff Reports

Hines:

Ford Lake Park – Boat dock foundation pads were washed out underneath by wave action over the years. When placing posts they sank below water level. Divers inspected and reported the damage. Got two quotes for repair from long time contractors and chose the company that promised faster repair. Contract sent to Township board for approval. Cost estimated at 479,0000. Time line is to start May 6th with 3 to 4 weeks to complete. Public is being kept updated on progress of this project due to high interest.

Proposals for Clubview Park (shelter / bathrooms) and Hewens Creek Park (parking) are being submitted to the Township board with a goal of late summer completion for both.

Hewens Creek Park - There have been problems with late night troublemakers at this park. Had a local resident that used to close the park at night and open in the morning to limit later access. Will discuss with this resident setting up a similar agreement to close and open park going forward.

Appleridge Park – Community garden 5 year agreement is due to be renewed. There have been some issues with the garden that will be discussed before renewal\.

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Commissioner Reports**Burnett** - None**Creech** - None**Crosby** - None**Johnson** - Community Center park - Fence for North West ball field has cut in it and has several

other damaged areas. Appleridge Park – Benches and tables near basketball courts are peeling and

rusting, and several of the BBQs are rusting out.

LaFrance - None**Sanders** - Ford Heritage Park- The slide at the accessible playground was broken. Maintenance

responded quickly to report and roped off slide for future repair.

Jones – Portable stage for performances is still being researched. Commissioners will review

provided material for June metering. Due to costs we will look at sharing / rentals with other local

entities (AA parks and rec. Washtenaw County, etc.) to defray costs.

Unfinished Business

Policy for geocaching was presented. Motion to amend policy to add no sounds to for geocaches, moved by Burnett, second Johnson amendment passes

Motion to adapt amended policy, moved by Crosby, second by Jones, motion passes.

New Business

Clubview Park has a nearby resident advertising a BBQ for Memorial day weekend with no contact to township at all. Johnson will share related social media posts to commissioners and John Hines.

Announcements

None

Recommendations to the Township Board

None

Adjournment**Time:** 7:38 **Motion:** Burnett **Second:** LaFrance **Passed**



**YPSILANTI
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— RECREATION DEPARTMENT —

**Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation
Application, Agreement and Policy for SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS**

Thank you for considering the Ypsilanti Township Recreation Department (Ytown Parks) facilities for your special event. We look forward to having you in the park and ask that you follow these rules to ensure that your event goes smoothly and that park resources are protected. Failure to comply with these rules could result in the partial or total loss of your damage deposit. Gate fees at applicable parks will still be assessed at the time of arrival. Best wishes for a safe and successful event!

Return this application and the additional fees/forms to the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department at least six (6) weeks prior to your anticipated event. Submitting this Event Permit Application is not a confirmation to conduct your planned event. Your application will be processed and you will receive notice of approval or rejection within two (2) weeks. Once approved it may be necessary to set up a planning meeting with Ytown Parks staff. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted. If your application is accepted, this document becomes the Agreement governing your use of the park for the events described herein.**

APPLICATIONS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING TO BE ACCEPTED

- Application for Rental Agreement
- Event Site Plan
- Application Fee \$30/non-refundable
- Event Agenda/Activities

Rental/Permit Fees, Damage Deposits and Certificate of Insurance:

Damage deposits, facility fees, permit fees and certificate of insurance are required within two weeks following approval of permit application. Holds are placed on the calendar as a courtesy and are good for only two weeks. The items listed below must be received within the two week period to secure your date. After 15 days, courtesy holds will be released without further notice.

Checks should be made payable to **Ypsilanti Township Recreation Department** and mailed to 2025 East Clark Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198 or dropped off at the Community Center.

Facility Rentals

In order to host a special event within an Ypsilanti Township park or facility, the rental fees are separate from any associated special event applications and fees.

Damage Deposit:

YTOWN PARKS will return any deposits within 45 days after the event. Ytown Parks will issue the refund if the rented area is found to be in the same condition as it was prior to the event. Otherwise, the department will use the deposit (or a portion of it) to clean the area and repair any damage.

Refunds

The Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department will refund 50% of prepaid fees when cancellations are made at least 15 days before the event. Cancellations made less than 15 days before the event will result in the forfeiture of the entire rental fee.

Insurance:

During the performance of any and all Services under this Agreement, permit applicant shall maintain the following insurance in full force and effect:

- a. General Liability Insurance, with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.
- b. Automobile Liability Insurance, with a minimum combined single limit of \$1,000,000 for each person and \$1,000,000 for each accident.

Entire Application Must Be Completed In Full



- c. Professional Liability Insurance (“Errors and Omissions Insurance”) with a minimum limit of \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.
- d. Workers’ Compensation Insurance in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Michigan Code.

All insurance policies shall be issued by an insurance company authorized to issue such insurance in the State of Michigan. The Charter Township of Ypsilanti, the Township, and the officers, employees and agents of each shall be named as an additional insured under the General Liability, Automobile, and Worker’s Compensation policies, and such policies shall stipulate that the insurance will operate as primary insurance and that no other insurance affected by the Township will be called upon to contribute to a loss hereunder.

Meeting:

Once the application has been received, Ytown Parks staff will contact the applicant to determine if a planning meeting is necessary. If deemed necessary, this meeting is mandatory to work out all the details of the event. Please bring your event map/layout to this meeting. The application and event guidelines will be reviewed at that time. Additionally, special event applicants may have to attend a Park Commission meeting for additional vetting.

Walk-through:

Once the application has been approved and no less than two weeks prior to the date of your event, you are responsible for scheduling a “walk-through” of your event with park staff to review your site plan. The purpose of the walk-through is to make you completely aware of all site guidelines and answer any additional questions you may have.

Vehicles and Parking:

Vehicles are not allowed on Park property (other than streets and parking areas) without prior written approval. Failure to comply with this guideline will result in a loss of deposit. Parking is permitted in designated park parking lots.

Food and Drink:

If any food will be prepared, distributed or sold at the event, each vendor must receive and hold a permit from a County Health Department.

The dumping of hot coals or grease on Park property is not allowed! If either is found after an event, the amount for cleaning and removal plus labor will be retained from the damage deposit.

Alcohol

Alcohol is strictly prohibited in Township Parks.

Trash Removal:

You are responsible for securing additional receptacles or having your trash hauled away if park containers won’t accommodate the needs for your event. Bagged trash (10 bag maximum) may be placed next to a park trash receptacle after an event for park staff to remove. Trash that is not disposed of properly or overfills a receptacle may result in a loss of deposit. YTOWN PARKS will determine if the size of your event requires your rental of an outside dumpster. Dumpsters are to be placed in designated areas or as approved by park staff.

Port-O-Lets:

You are responsible for securing the appropriate number of port-o-lets (1 per 300 attendees when permanent restrooms are available. 1 per 150 attendees when no permanent restrooms are available), hand washing stations and accessible port-o-lets for your event. They should be delivered at the latest date and time possible prior to your event and removed from Park property no more than 24 hours after your event ends. Ytown Parks takes no responsibility for any damage to port-o-let(s) prior to removal. Port-o-lets are to be placed in designated areas or as approved by park staff. Provide the location of your Port-o-Lets in the event map/layout. If port-o-lets require hoses for a water source, the vendor must supply the hose.

Tents:

Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation is not responsible for any tents or items set up on a day prior to your event. You are responsible for scheduling security to watch over your area. Staking tents is not permitted without approval. Provide the location of your tent(s) in the event map/layout. **All components of vendor displays, including tents, umbrellas and signs, must be properly secured on all sides.**

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Child Supervision:

If children are under the age of 18 and are part of the event, it is your responsibility to provide adequate supervision.

Safety:

The possession of drugs and other illegal controlled substances, fireworks, air rifles, paintball guns, bow and arrows, cross bows, swords, and pellet guns is strictly prohibited in any park or park facility. Pursuant to Charter Township of Ypsilanti Municipal Code Section 46-61 to possess, carry, fire or discharge, or cause to be fired or discharged across, in or into any portions of the park is strictly prohibited within the Township’s jurisdiction.

Copyright:

It is the applicant’s responsibility to comply with federal and state copyright laws applicable to any of the activities of the event.

Violations:

Park facilities must be used solely in accordance with the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation policies and procedures; Ytown Parks retains the right to revoke a special use permit any time upon violation of your agreement of the risk or threat or a violation of your agreement. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement may constitute a violation. In addition, the following activities are examples of violations of this Agreement: gambling, profanity, dangerous activities, unauthorized vending (including the sale of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs) excessive guests, excessive noise, or other activities which cause a disturbance to other nearby park activities or are in violation of state and local ordinances. Sleeping (overnight camping) in parks, golf courses, or other park premises is prohibited.

By signing and submitting this application, the permit applicant agrees to abide by the park rules and regulations and Emergency Action Plan of the Department of Parks and Recreation including, but not limited to, the conditions as stated on this application and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department Rental Agreement.

Please Read Carefully

I, as applicant or duly authorized representative of the applicant, hereby affirm that the submitted information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. As such, I have been authorized by the applicant to apply for this permit and have read, understand and agree to comply with all rules concerning the use of a Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks & Recreation Park. The applicant agrees that while renting the park or park premise, the applicant will not exclude anyone from participation in, deny anyone benefits of, or otherwise subject anyone to discrimination because of that person’s race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, age or handicap. Under this Special Event Permit, the applicant assumes all responsibility for proper conduct in the park, including consumption of alcoholic beverages.

I John E. Lawrence, on behalf of the permit applicant, shall agree to release, hold harmless, and forever indemnify the Charter Township of Ypsilanti, its employees, officers, and agents from any and all claims or causes of action that may arise from the activities described herein. This includes claims for personal injury, property damage, and/or any other types of claim which may arise from these activities, whether such claims may be brought by the permit applicant or any of its agents, or by any third party.

I have read this release and understand all of its terms. I agree with its terms and sign it voluntarily.

Signature

2/9/2026

Date

Entire Application Must Be Completed In Full



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— RECREATION DEPARTMENT —

**Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department
2025 East Clark Road
Ypsilanti, MI 48198
734-544-3800**

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR PARKS/FACILITIES
Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department (Ytown Parks)
(Please Print or Type)

- Parks operating hours are dawn to dusk (must be out prior to dusk park closing)
- Permit applications must be submitted to the Department at least six weeks prior to event.
- It is recommended that Special Events be hosted in Community Parks. If requesting a neighborhood park, it is up to the discretion of Ytown Recreation Staff and/or the Park Commission.
- An application for Special Use shall not become a permit until it has been approved and signed by the Department. Application approval will not be finalized without submittal of an application, certificate of insurance and payment of all fees/charges/deposits.

Type of Organization: (check all that apply)

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charter Township of Ypsilanti | <input type="checkbox"/> Department-Affiliated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private – Township Resident |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Washtenaw County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit | <input type="checkbox"/> Private – Non-Resident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Tax ID# _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Profit Making |
| | Non-Profit Fundraising Event | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| | Tax ID# _____ | |

Please complete entire application:

Date of Application: 2/9/2026

Date of Proposed Event: 7/31, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28 Fridays

Contact Information:

1. Organization applying for Special Use Event Permit:

Organization: John E. Lawrence Community Entertainment

Address: [Redacted]

Township: Ypsilanti State: MI Zip Code: 48197

Telephone # [Redacted] Fax: _____

2. Name of organizational **contact** responsible for managing event
(Please list the one representative that will be responsible for all communication):

Name: John E. Lawrence Title: President and Founder

Address/Phone Number (if different)

Address: [Redacted]

Township: Ypsilanti State: MI Zip Code: 48197

Telephone #: [Redacted] Fax: _____

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YPSILANTI TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT

E-mail: [redacted]

Event Logistics:

3. Name of event: John E. Lawrence Summer Jazz Series

4. Type of event: (Please check all that apply)

- Concert, Entertainment, Public Info., Environmental, Cultural, Endurance, Sports, Walkathons/fitness Walk (*), Reunion, Fund Raiser, Other (please explain)

All Events: If you are requesting that any public street be used or partially closed/blocked off or if you need additional Township resources (i.e. Fire or Street Departments), you must complete a separate request or permit through each respective party.

5. What is the purpose of the event? (Please explain and attach a detailed copy of your agenda or planned activities.)

To bring the community together for high

6. Requested Park Location: Ford Lake Park 9075 S. Huron River Dr. 48197

Facilities in park (i.e. shelter, park, grounds, etc.): Park Grounds

*Please provide map showing parking, activity venues, first aid, etc. (Map of park included)

7. Requested date(s) and time(s) for event:

Table with 8 columns: Event Activity, Starting Date, Ending Date(s), Starting Time, Ending Time, Set-up Date/time, Tear Down Date/Time. Row 1: Concert, 7/31/26, 8/28/26, 7:00 PM, 11:00 PM, 1/26 9:00, Day at 9:15

(a) Designated date for inclement weather? (Rain date) Yes No
If yes, date:

8. Total number of anticipated participants (i.e. volunteers, spectators, walkers, etc.):
Peak Attendance: 5,000 at time 8:00 a.m. p.m.

9. Is this a first time event for you or the sponsoring organization at this location? Yes No
(a) If not, how does this event differ from previous years(s)?

Different Performers

(b) Attendance totals for last event: Daily 3,000 Overall 15,000

10. How do you plan to publicize this proposed event? (If available, please attach a copy of the proposed plan or flyer) PLEASE DO NOT PRINT FOR PUBLICATION UNTIL APPROVED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YPSILANTI RECREATION DEPARTMENT. Please list event web site if available.

11. Do you wish to have any signs, banners or flyers be hung or posted in the park? Yes No
Describe the proposed locations of the banners, etc.



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***Charter Township of Ypsilanti Recreation may charge a \$25.00 vending fee for each vendor selling food/merchandise.**

19. Will there be displays, literature, or other types of solicitation? Yes No
If yes, please explain: Souvenir Booklets, CDs, T-Shirts, Caps

20. Are you providing additional portable toilets for your event? Yes No
How many? _____ Location: (show on site map) _____ Vendor: _____

Notice: The Charter Township of Ypsilanti Parks and Recreation Department requires you to have 1 (one) restroom facility for every 300 participants. If number needed exceeds what park has available, it will be the organization's/event organizer's responsibility to acquire the necessary number. Proof of payment will be required with application.

21. Please describe how you plan to remove trash from the event site:
The Ypsilanti Township takes care of the trash
Person responsible for clean-up:
Contact Name: _____ Relationship to organization: _____
Phone Number: _____

Notice: Each organization will be responsible for cleaning the site and bagging all trash. Bagged trash (10 bag maximum) that is placed by a park trash receptacle will be removed by the Ytown Parks. Failure to do so may result in the reduction or loss of your security deposit. If an event is deemed large enough (over 300 people) to produce more than the 10 bag maximum, it will be the event organizers responsibility to obtain additional trash receptacles and/or dumpsters for removal of trash. Overfill of park trash receptacles will also result in the loss of deposit.

Security/Safety:

22. What are your plans for providing security, traffic and/or crowd control: Washtenaw County Sheriff Department
Contact Person: Sheriff Alicia Dyer
Company Name: Washtenaw County Sheriff Department
Contact Phone Number: _____

23. What are your parking plans? Overflow parking? The Soccer Field

24. What are your plans for providing emergency/medical services? _____
We have nurses on hand and I am working on having a EMS Truck on standby at Ford Lake Park

Event Entertainment:

25. Do you plan to provide musical entertainment for this event? Yes No

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If yes, please describe: _____
 We have World Class Smooth Jazz Recording Artist Perform at the JEL Summer Jazz Series

26. Will any type of sound amplifying equipment or devices be used in conjunction with this event?
 Yes No

If yes, please list type of equipment below:

Type of Equipment	Quantity
We have a first class Professional Sound Company	1

27. If musical entertainment is used, please list contact information for sound technicians.

28. Do you plan to provide other entertainment for this event? Yes No
 If yes, please describe or attach copy of your planned program: _____

Notice: The sponsoring organization’s Event Coordinator must comply with all Charter Township of Ypsilanti’s ordinances regarding acceptable noise levels. (Please refer to the Township’s Noise Ordinance, Section 46-62 of the Charter Township of Ypsilanti Municipal Code.) It is the event organizer’s/applicant’s responsibility to be in compliance with all federal and state copyrights laws.

29. Events with animals require additional considerations and Animal Control approval. Are you planning to pursue permission for animals at your event? Yes No

30. Are you providing a generator as a power source? Yes No

What are the electrical needs for the event: PA System and Musical Instruments _____

Type of equipment i.e., (roasting pans, amplifiers, inflatables, etc.)	Power requirements
Amplifiers, Keyboards, Guitar, Bass Guitar, Sax, Trumpet, Drums	Generator

31. Are there any special provisions pertaining to your event that have not been addressed on this application?

 We will need to utilize the house in the Ford Lake Park for meetings as well as providing food for the entertainers and JEL Team Members.



Event Fees

Due with Application:

Application Fee: \$30/non-refundable

\$ NA

Fees, Charges and Deposits Schedule:

Permit Fee: \$100/day

\$ NA

Vending Fee: \$25 per vendor selling food/merchandise

\$ NA

Rental Fees and Charges

\$ NA

TOTAL:

\$ NA

Charter Township of Ypsilanti Recreation Department Special Event Application (PARK USE ONLY)

Date Received: _____

Fees Charged: _____

Partnership: _____

Parks Event: _____ Permit #: _____

Scheduled Staff Meeting Date: _____

Completed Approved Declined

Scheduled Park Commission Meeting Date: _____

Completed Approved Declined

Charter Township of Ypsilanti Staff person: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax #: _____

E-mail: _____

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