

City Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Workshop
Madison Heights, Michigan
September 29, 2025

A City Council and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Workshop was held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Library -Breckenridge Room, 240 W. 13 Mile Rd.

PRESENT

Mayor Pro Tem Mark Bliss
Councilman William Mier
Councilor Emily Rohrbach
Councilor Quinn Wright

ABSENT

Mayor Roslyn Grafstein
Councilman Sean Fleming
Councilman David Soltis

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Christopher Molencupp, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member
Ms. Regina Juska-Svoba, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board member
City Manager Melissa Marsh
Department of Public Services Director Sean Ballantine
Deputy City Clerk Phommady A. Boucher

CM-25-141. Excuse Councilmembers.

Motion to excuse Mayor Grafstein, Councilman Fleming, and Councilman Soltis from tonight's meeting.

Motion by Councilor Wright, Seconded by Councilor Rohrbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Bliss, Councilman Mier, Councilor Rohrbach, Councilman Wright.

Absent: Mayor Grafstein, Councilman Fleming, Councilman Soltis

Motion carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

City Manager Melissa Marsh and Department of Public Services Director Sean Ballantine provided a “Parks and Recreation Master Plan” PowerPoint presentation.

Councilor Rohrbach expressed concerns of a significant gap in non-sports programming for the 6 – 13-year-old age group. She suggested art/mural projects, theater productions, or computer/coding classes.

Mayor Pro Temp Bliss suggested the use of hyper-targeted mailers as an effective way to advertise services. He presented rotating city events to different parks to encourage visitors, rather than defaulting all events to Civic Center Park.

Councilor Wright reimagined the space behind the sledding hill at Civic Center Park as a passive green space, perhaps with water features and benches.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Mark Bliss, Mayor Pro Tem

Phommady A. Boucher, Deputy City Clerk