



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
LOCATION: TOWNSHIP ANNEX, 7527 HIGHLAND ROAD, WHITE LAKE, MICHIGAN 48383
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026 – 6:30 PM

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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. [Minutes of February 11, 2026](#)
- 5. CALL TO PUBLIC**
- 6. NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS**
 - A. Parks and Recreation Finances with Treasurer Roman
 - B. [Discussion - Stanley Park LWCF Grant and Professional Services](#)
 - C. Discussion - Stanley Park Playground
- 7. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 8. STAFF REPORT**
- 9. COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Member Communications
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. NEXT MEETING DATE: APRIL 8TH, 2026

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CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairperson Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called.

ROLL CALL:

Pete Piccinato
Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison
Merrie Carlock, Chairperson

Absent:

Rhonda Grubb
Scott Rolando

Also Present:

David Waligora, Senior Planner
Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Voorheis to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 10, 2025

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Voorheis to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025, as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

CALL TO PUBLIC

None.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Parks & Rec Committee 2026 Goals
Senior Planner Waligora asked the Committee what they want to focus on goals wise in this new year. He stated his current focus is familiarizing himself with the parks and their inventory.
- B. Recap: Parks and Grounds Maintenance Meetings
Senior Planner Waligora shared there have been several meetings with Township CDD staff, Board members, and DPS to establish Parks maintenance budgets and schedules. The meetings were productive.
- C. Parks Contracts
Senior Planner Waligora shared proposals for restroom rental contracts in the parks.

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It was MOVED by Member Carlock, seconded by Member Piccinato, to approve the contract proposal from On-Time Portables for the 2026 season as proposed. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Carlock to approve the contract proposal from Stein for fertilization for 2026 as proposed. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

- D. Park Ambassadors
It was discussed to reach out to HOAs and residents to participate.
- E. Parks Event Calendar – 2026
Rockin’ the Farm, Trunk or Treat, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival are scheduled for 2026.
- F. New Event for 2026 - Stanley Park/Twp Property 5k
It was discussed scheduling a 5k even to coincide with the opening of Stanley Park.
- G. Notice of Grant Submission
Senior Planner Waligora stated the Township received a grant for an ADA compliant play structure at Stanley Park.
- G. Planting of Future Christmas Trees on Township Properties
The Township currently owns a former tree farm; it was discussed moving some of the farms on said property to other Township properties.
- H. CIP and Parks Overlap Opportunities
The chairperson of the CIA, Rick Walklet, has shown interest in partnering with Parks and Rec to establish non-motorized pathways within the Township along M-59.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Planner Waligora stated he will be attending this year’s MPARKS conference.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Member Communications

The Committee discussed invasive species as well as a discussion with Treasurer Roman.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. NEXT MEETING DATE: **March 11, 2026**

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Voorheis to adjourn at 7:09 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

Memorandum

To: Parks and Recreation Committee

From: David Waligora, AICP, Senior Planner

Re: Stanley Park Playground Planning, Phase 2 Professional Services, Meeting Schedule, and Event Update

February was a busy month in the Planning Department and concluded with staff attendance at the M-Parks Annual Conference in Lansing, Michigan. The conference was well attended and provided a valuable opportunity to establish additional vendor contacts and obtain preliminary information regarding the potential cost of a playground at Stanley Park.

As staff continues evaluating this improvement, it would be beneficial for the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the general scale of playground that was envisioned during the Master Planning process, whether small, medium, or large. Additional direction from the Committee on this point will assist staff in developing cost estimates that better reflect the Committee's expectations and long-term planning goals.

In addition, as the Township begins the process for Phase 2 improvements at Stanley Park, staff is seeking Committee recommendations to begin obtaining and refining quotes for professional services necessary to satisfy applicable grant requirements.

Staff also wishes to advise the Committee that the April Parks and Recreation Committee meeting will be canceled due to staff attendance at a planning conference addressing sign ordinances. The Committee will resume its regular meeting schedule in May.

Staff has also secured June 26, 2026, as the date for the Rock the Farm event and is actively assisting the Township Manager's Office with planning efforts.

Requested Committee Action

1. For discussion and direction regarding playground scale:

"I move that the Parks and Recreation Committee provide direction to staff that the proposed Stanley Park playground be planned at a [small, medium, or large] scale for purposes of developing preliminary cost estimates and further evaluation."

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2. For authorization related to Phase 2 professional services:

“I move that the Parks and Recreation Committee authorize Township staff to solicit, obtain, and refine preliminary quotes for professional services associated with Phase 2 improvements at Stanley Park in order to meet grant-related requirements.”

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

David Waligora, AICP

Senior Planner

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