

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday April 09, 2025**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield,
Nate Scramlin, Isaac Francisco, Tirstan Walters, Rayvonne Gilmore
BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rick Kibbey, Joan Lenhard

CALL TO ORDER: 6:31 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added new business C

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. **March 12, 2025 – Walters moved, Whitfield supported accepting minutes. Unanimously approved.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Inline Link Grant Proposal - Scramlin moved to deny this grant application due to eligibility requirements of the applying party. Walters Seconded, board voted unanimously to deny this grant.**

B. **Art Path-The Arts Council has dissolved and will not be hosting the Art Path this year. The director will meet with representatives of the Arts Commission, Dombrowski will be talking to the Scrapfest organizers and Scramlin will be speaking with MDEC**

C. **Memorial for Jodi Ackerman- A boulder and tree near the Foster Center were proposed as a memorial for Jodi Ackerman. Whitfield moved to accept the request for the memorial, Walters Seconded, passed unanimously.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A **Parks 5-Year Master Plan**

B **Park Grants Scramlin moved, Whitfield seconded to change the Grant Application to allow for registered 501c3 Non Profit Organizations to apply for these grants. Passed 5-0-1**

C **Michigan Waterways Stewards Grant Application- Scramlin moved, Walters Seconded to approve the grant application submitted in March by the Michigan Waterways Stewards 5-0-1**

V. UPDATES

A. **Parks Director Administrative Assistant Update- EdQuan Clay has been hired as the Administrative Assistant.**

B. **Park Map Update- This has been ordered, the reverse will have the river trail.**

C. **Jodi Ackerman Has passed away**

D. **Karol Garrison Has accepted a position away from the department, will be looking for a new marketing position for the department.**

E. **Playgrounds – St Joe and Georgetown have been ordered, and Ingham will receive a structure from Kroger. Wilson is in the planning stages.**

F. **The canoe launches have been effected by flooding.**

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Lansing Township Parks**

VII. INFORMATION

A.

VIII. REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Gilmore appreciated the fountain at Ranney Park and spoke with the director about litter mitigation measures in that park.

Francisco spoke about the many children that Jodi Ackerman helped during her work with camp.

Whitfield may not be able to make the May meeting.

Scramlin asked the director if the trash cans have been installed at the Raney skate Park.

IX. STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

All meetings of the Park Board shall be open to the public. Those in attendance shall have the opportunity to speak on any issue related to parks and recreation services not otherwise on the agenda at the end of the meeting and may speak on any agenda issue during the meeting after park board members have had an opportunity to discuss the issue or prior to the board voting on the issue. The President may impose a time limit on public comments.

Nancy Manlow – Wanted to let the board know that guidelines for naming is being looked at by the public ser

Meeting closed at 7:34