

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday January 14th, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS: Mike Dombrowski, Kimberly Whitfield, Nate Scramlin,
Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard, Tirstan Walters, Ravynne Gilmore,
Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Add B and C Whitfield moved to accept, Walters seconded, passed unanimously

II. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A. **December 10th, 2025 Walters moved to accept with spelling corrections, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hillsdale Ana Henriques suggested to add a fence, hedges, or other barrier along MLK at Hillsdale Park. The current fence is older and will have to be removed soon. There discussion about some grass cutting and maintenance at this park. St Joseph Park Safety- there was a discussion about the new playground at St Joseph Park and discussed how a neighborhood organization can begin to do long term planning for park design.

B. **DNR Trust Fund Application2026 – BMX Track Passport, Letts Tennis Courts, Waverly River Trail Extension, For Trust Fund – Walters moved, Francisco seconded, passed unanimously .**

C. Grant application for Michigan Waterways Stewards. Dombrowski will be following up with Mike Stout

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. 5 – Year Plan – This has been approved by the City Council

B. **Board Annual Report Walters moved to accept the report as amended, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

C. Westside Communal Green Space – For the lot near Scribbles and Giggles. Tirstan met with the president of the Westside Neighborhood Organization. The President of the Westside Neighborhood Organization will be meeting to discus if they support the city purchasing this lot to be used for Communal Green Space.

D. Letters of Graditude - Greene-Szmadzinski, Lenhard, passed unanimously

V. **UPDATES**

CIP – Parks Paving needs funding, Grants Match, Marshall Park Basketball would need additional funding. Reuter Park fountain estimate should be submitted.

Moores Park Pool- On time on budget

Holiday Night Lights- This event had the 2nd highest attendance this year since it started.

The Michigan Princess is being demolished.

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Hillsdale Park Security and St. Joseph Park Safety – Ana Henriques

VII. INFORMATION

VIII. REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Scramlin asked about the winterization of the John Smoltz Strikeout Baseball Stadium. The director confirmed that the department is looking for a façade improvement during the winter months.

Tirstan Walters asked the director about usage in the Comstock, Stabenow, and Hunter Parks. The director confirmed that the department does not currently have an accurate way to track the number of users of these parks beyond being able to look at specific metrics like the number of times the QR code was scanned at the Fit Lot at Stabenow Park.

Tirstan Walters also asked for about the Reuter Park Fountain. The Director had a pre-bid meeting with a contractor and is expecting to get a good cost estimate soon.

Isaac Francisco asked about feasibility of providing funding for improvements to the Reo School grounds which currently offers space to a community group through CIP funding. The director confirmed that this is currently outside of the scope of current CIP funding.

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.

Meeting closed at 8:16