

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday March 11th, 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

Added G to New Business.

**Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski moved to accept the agenda, Nate Scramlin seconded.
Passed Unanimously, Ravynne Gilmore not present during this vote.**

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. February 11th, 2026

**Joan Lenhard moved to accept the minutes, Nate Scramlin seconded, Passed unanimously,
Ravynne Gilmore not present during this vote.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Riverfront Dr. - Lansing Shuffle Act 33 Sale – Kris Klein from LEDC, Jon Hartzell of Detroit Shipping Company/LansingShuffle Andy Fedawa the City Planner presented information about the proposal of the ballot proposal for sale of the building that houses the Shuffle.

Public comment: Jodi Washington against the sale.

Loretta Stanaway: against the sale.

Jennie Gies: Is in favor of the sale.

Don Dean: Against the sale.

Ryan Smith: Against the sale.

Joan Lenhard made a motion to table this item during this meeting and members of the Parks Board agree to review with neighborhood groups and consider this motion again in the April meeting. Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski seconded. This motion passed 7 yays-1 nay.

B. Potter Park Zoo - Parks Grant Match Program Nate Scramlin made a motion to accept and proceed with this application, Tirstan Walters Seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. Art Impact Project for Marshall Park – Barbara Pearsall designed an installation for Marshall Park that rotates and has moving images. Children are able to play on this and it can be activated by theater KW moved to continue this process, JL passed unanimously

D. Tecumseh Pump Station -

E. E Elm Bridge Project - Preliminary Plans – The river trail would be routed under the bridge after this project is completed. During this project during 2027 there would be a detour while this is being completed. Some funding from the Ingham County River Trail millage would be expected to pay for this project.

F. NMTP Workshop – March 19th 6-8 PM Draft Plan Workshop

G. Cherry Hill Construction – There is a combined sewer overflow project will be in the area of Cherry Hill Park. There will be a staging area in the area of the old tennis courts in exchange for work on the sidewalk.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. 5 – Year Plan – Approved by DNR – this is completed.

- B. **CIP Proposed Project List – Joan Lenhard moved to recommend the project list for our CIP funding, Tirstan Walters seconded, passed unanimously**
- C. NFC Innovation Zone – April Meeting
- D. Michigan Waterways Stewards Eco Zone
- E. Westside Green Space Update

V. **UPDATES**

- A. Community Center Feasibility Study – A survey is going out and we are gathering public information.
- B. mParks Conference – Had over 600 delegates in Lansing.
- C. Marshall Basketball Courts
- D. March 18th Fenner and Gier Parking – Expecting the estimate by March 18th
- E. The purchase of the property off of Waverly near the Consumer’s Lines has been finalized
- F. Groesbeck Golf Course turns 100 years old

VI. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Tom Rich – Lewton Park
- B. Nancy Mahlow – Bankroft
- C. Don Dean – Friends of Bancroft
- D. Nancy Mahlow – Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries 2026 Schedule
- E. Don Dean – No Shuffle Sale
- F. Eastside Connector Funding

VII. **INFORMATION**

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Joan Lenhard wanted to let us know that the Scott Gardens clean up will start soon. The director confirmed that there has been some littering activity in the area near the Scott Gardens and this is being addressed by staff.

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.

Loretta Stanaway – would like more attention in the cemeteries in the next 5 year plan.

Meeting is closed at 9:09