

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
Wednesday June 10th, 2026**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kimberly Whitfield, Nate Scramlin, Isaac Francisco, Tirstan Walters,

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ravynne Gilmore, Christopher Greene-Szmadzinski, Mike Dombrowski, Joan Lenhard,

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

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Removed A under old Business, shifted B to A and added Restrooms to A under old Business, moved statements of citizens to IV. Added Correspondence D. Whitfield moved, Francisco seconded, board members present agreed to the changes unanimously.

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. May 13th, 2026 Postponed for the July meeting

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. BMX Grant Starting Gate Ramp – Amy Dyer – This is a grant application for a piece of equipment that would control the gate, keep time, and provide safety for the riders. This would be used for every race. This track is very popular and the rider count has doubled from last year. They have also recently started Friday Night Races for the Summer. The current gate is not working sometimes and is not keeping time so needs to be replaced. The board will review this application at our July meeting.

IV. STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

Phil Booth – Had a cleanup at St Joe Park, had a Flea Market on Saturday and getting ready for the Juneteenth celebration.

Ana Henriques - asked for more trashcans at the St Joe Park by the basketball courts. There are cars driving through the park by the baseball diamond, and there was a discussion on park design and the director confirmed that if there are vehicles spotted driving through the park to contact LPD. Ana also asked about how best to convey requests for St Joe park to the board. The director confirmed that we can add a trashcan by the basketball courts. The director also confirmed that he will be checking on the status of the benches that have been ordered for St Joe Park. There was a discussion about trees being made available for trees for planting in the Fall.

Mike Mercer – Asked about the land west of Waverly and north of the Consumers Power Lines. There is a grant to extend the trail on this 33 acre parcel.

Don Dean – On July 8th there will be a concert at Bankroft Park and there is a picnic on July 18th and there will be a showing of Monsters Inc at Bankroft Park.

Dawn Glossop - confirmed that Scribbles and Giggles has sold to another day care provider and talked about the green space next to that business.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fenner Docks and Restrooms – We have had significant problems with the restrooms at Fenner during festivals inside of the welcome center. There was a problem discovered in the septic system. The parking lot is under construction.

VI. UPDATES

- A. Community Center Study – Still ongoing, the department estimates that an aquatic center would be in a phase 2
- B. Marshall Basketball Courts – Construction should start by next week with a possible completion by the end of July.
- C. Moores Park Pool – There has been a delay in the construction, opening possibly delayed until next year.
- D. Personnel Update – The department is currently hiring for the manager of leisure services and they are interviewing for the gardener in Frances Park.
- E. 4th of July Fireworks – The best viewing will be from Riverfront Park
- F. Concerts in the Park are ongoing
- G. A grant application process is ongoing for the Reuter Park Fountain, more information to be provided to the board soon.

VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Neighborhood Advisory Board Grant
- B. Grand River Trail Extension - Lans Pacifico
- C. Grand River Trail Extension - Pieter Hoekstra
- D. Friends of Lansing Historic Cemeteries Picnic

VIII. **INFORMATION**

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Meeting closed 7:35PM