

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Dombrowski, Nate Scramlin, Isaac Francisco, Joan Lenhard,  
Tirstan Walters, Rayvonne Gilmore

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Rick Kibbey, Kimberly Whitfield

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

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

II. **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A. **November 8, 2023** Walters moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Scramlin, passed unanimously.

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **SWAG Ben Davis Park Mural Project:** Jasmin Anderson representing SWAG who is involved in uplifting South West Lansing. Would like a mural at the basketball court to celebrate. Would like to partner with Mural Maddox and have a 2 week design course. Walters moved and Scramlin supported supporting the mural project at Benjamin Davis at Benjamin Davis Basketball court. Passed unanimously.

B. **Art Path:** A motion was made to support the Art Path in 2024 by Walters seconded by Lenhard, passed unanimously.

Old Oakland Neighborhood Association Cailin Cornell, Peater Fowler, James Woodward. Strive to make OON. Has a meet the candidates event that has become a social event. Has a concession building. Presented some concerns about the new playground: The new structure doesn't accommodate younger children.

C. Park Board Annual Report:

D. CIP FY25

IV. **UPDATES**

A. Information regarding the Disc Golf Course that is in the planning stages in the area of the Fenner Nature Center Preschool in the former Sycamore Creek Driving Range: There is no intention for public to use the restrooms at the preschool. The Parks Department has considered developing an area for a natural playground. Fenner Nature Center has a non-exclusive contract for use of the facilities for the preschool. Planned for 2024 installing t-pads and baskets. Other areas have been considered for a disc golf course including Kimberly Park. Most of the activities associated with the disc golf course would not be during hours of the preschool.

B. Applied but did not receive the passport grant for the fitness facility for Ben Davis court. Ingham county trails millage-waterways stewards grant for equipment and to remove the Elm street. Tree applications are available. Moores Park Pool applications are due week of December 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.

V. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Dept. Neighborhoods/Arts Commission - approved Foster Park project by H. Moonrod

B. Old Oakland Neighborhood – request to be on December agenda

C. Bankcroft

VI. **INFORMATION**

A. 2024 Meeting Schedule

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

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.

Don Dean asked about funding for a gate and possibly a camera and a light at Bankroft Park.

Comments around Fenner Nature Center Preschool/Sycamore Creek Driving Range:

Theresa Casey: Fenner Nature Center Preschool: Asked to move disc golf course

Emily Shupp Parker: Lack of safety plan/shared parking lot mutual beneficial

Lindsey Healey: No other bathrooms in the park.

Chelsea Brown: Impressed with the preschool program: Concerns with the map, would be crossing through an area that the children play. Concerns that smoking and drinking.

Sylvia Rost: Concern that the disc golfers could disturb the children, and concern that the holes could be flooded.

Katy Luther: Would like a plan that suits all parties. Not asking that the public doesn't have access to it

Nick Rost: Concern about the maintenance of the property around

Chris Luther: Concern about the bathroom situation for the disc golf course and parking.

Wes Shinevar: Had a meeting at Fenner to address concerns. Believes that both the school and the disc golf course could make positive use of the park. Happy to work with the communities.

Shea Abbej: Organizations has put in 4 courses in schools. Has open community meetings. Disc golf is a fast growing sport and has attracted bright young folk. Garfield park in GR used as an example of disc golf.

Approved January 10, 2024