

**PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FOSTER COMMUNITY CENTER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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: 6:30 P.M. Foster Community Center

I. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Scramlin moved, Whitfield seconded to move III A to end of Agenda

II. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A. **January 8, 2024 Walters moved to accept the minutes, Scramlin seconded, passed unanimously.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. **CIP Projects FY26** *moved to end

B. **Park Millage** -

C. **Gier BMX Grant Application** –Walters moved and Whitfield seconded to send a grant application to improve the Gier BMX track and gate to City council. Passed unanimously.

D. **Norfolk Southern Acquisitions Grant Application** – Francisco moved to send a grant application to acquire several parcels in the area of the River Trail on and north of Adado Riverfront Park, Gilmore seconded, passed unanimously.

E. **Lansing River Trail @ US-127/496 Junction** – Walters moved, Scramlin seconded to send a letter to Trevor Block, Josh DeBruyn, and Erin Chelotti of MDOT to send a request for a covered walkway during the trail closure during a project along US 127/496. Passed unanimously.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Parks 5-Year Master Plan** – March 8th Ward 3 Noon-2:30 Schmidt, March 11th Ward 1 Foster 5PM, March 13th Ward 2 Fenner 5PM, March 26th Ward 4 Letts 5PM.

5 Year Plan Survey Launch Date: March 6th, tentatively closing April 30th 2025.

Scramlin moved that we support these dates, Walters seconded, passed unanimously

V. UPDATES

A. **Ore Creek Archery** – Outdoor Range- Currently Ore Creek Archery is unable to field both an indoor and outdoor archery range so it is currently going to be continuing using the indoor range.

B. **Marshall Basketball Court Complex-ENG** is onboarding to do the engineering for this project.

C. **Parks Director Administrative Assistant** -The director is planning to announce the hiring of a new Administrative Assistant in March 2025.

D. **Bubble Barrier**- The department is asking Meijer to assist with the funding for the construction of a bubble barrier just south of the North Lansing Dam. This barrier would not effect fish or boating and would move debris to a storage container.

E. **mParks Upcoming Conference** will be in Traverse City this year.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. **Nancy Mahlow** - cameras and parks

- B. Tim Potter – Keep Lansing River Trail open @ US-127/496 junction
- C. Ore Creek Archery – Outdoor Range
- D. Lorretta Stanaway –Solar Lights and cameras at North Cemetery

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **CIP Projects FY26**

Scramlin moved to accept the project list for FY26, Whitfield seconded, passed unanimously

VIII. **REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Dombrowski highlighted winter recreation activities at Crego 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.

Meeting closed at 8:58