Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2026
Administration Building
304 E. Grand River Ave., Howell, MI 48843
Conference Room 4, Upstairs

Members Present: Commissioner Helzerman, Mike Arens, Neal Glazebrook, Jan Lobur, Brian Jonckheere

Members Absent: Commissioner Domas, Kevin Eggleston, Gary Edwards, Jay Bibby

Others: Scott Barb, Rob Stanford, Martha Haglund, Abby Carrigan, Dylan Tremba

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Commissioner Helzerman at 9:34 AM.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Agenda of meeting dated April 08, 2026

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA
MOVED BY ARENS-SECONDED BY LOBUR
ALL IN FAVOR-MOTION PASSED

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of meeting dated February 04, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
MOVED BY LOBUR -SECONDED BY GLAZEBROOK
ALL IN FAVOR-MOTION PASSED

4. **Call to the Public:** None

5. **Fillmore County Park Updates**
   - **a.** Facilities:
     - Scott Barb stated there will be a future discussion on the dump clean-up at Fillmore Park once Kevin Egglston is present.
     - Discussion on electric installation before September 5K Veterans Run in September.

   - **b.** Mt Bike Trail Updates: Neal Glazebrook
     - Trail workday on Saturday, April 11th
     - Talked about trail theme/names "*The Fillmore Daily*"
     - Scheduled trail opening May 23rd 9-11:00AM
     - Approved budget from Motor City Mountain Bike Association of $8,000 for Fillmore Trail for 2026

c. HAPRA Updates: Promoting Tri-Race and Fillmore trail work flyer on website

d. MDNR Grant for Fillmore County Park

6. **Lutz County Park Update**
   a. Facilities:
      - No update from the Facilities Department
      - Dylan Tremba shared information about his field research of vernal ponds at Lutz County Park

7. **Other: Membership Updates:** Scott Barb shared that Tim Church and Bill Call missed the deadline to submit their letter of interest at the end of their term and are no longer officially on the committee, but they have expressed interest in still attending committee meetings. Also, Jay Bibby would no longer be a member as he is no longer working at MetroParks. Byran Budds, who serves on the County Foundation, was appointed to the committee in March. Discussion followed about retaining interested members and starting the reappointment process.

MOTION TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TO REAPPOINT INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS TO AVAILABLE SEATS ON THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MOVED BY ARENS- SECONDED BY LOBUR

ALL IN FAVOR-MOTION PASSED

8. **Call to the Public:** Dylan Tremba asked about invasive species management and expressed interest in leading a volunteer to workdays to address invasive species at the County Parks. Discussion followed about connecting Dylan with the Facilities Department to organize his efforts going forward.

9. **Adjournment**

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:24 A.M.

MOVED BY LOBUR-SECONDED BY MIKE ARENS

ALL IN FAVOR-MOTION PASSED