

Gratiot County Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2026

911/EOC, 1375 S County Farm Dr, Ithaca, MI 48847

Commission Member Present: J. Lewis, S. Sopocy, M. Ahearn, D. Hessbrook, T. Lambrecht, L. McCoon, D. Justin & J. Bolliriger

Commission Members Absent:, S. Smith & K, Childers

Others Present: Jon Raybum .

1 . .Introductions and Welcome: All in attendance and made introductions. Welcomed Lyle McCoon to Board.

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3. Declaration of Quorum: Quorum was declared with 8 members present.

4. Review and approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda with adding the Organizational Meeting as item #6 as presented was made by L. McCoon, seconded by J. Lewis. Approved by all present, motion passed.

5. Review, correction, and approval of the minutes of December 17, 2025 meeting: A motion to approve December 17, 2025 minutes as presented, was made by D. Justin, seconded by D. Hessbrook. Approved by all present, motion passed.

6. Organizational Meeting

a. Meeting Locations: A motion to approve the meeting locations at the EOC/911 Center and dates to be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm was made by D. Justin, seconded by S. Sopocy. Approved by all present, motion passed.

b. Election of Officers; Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary

i. Tim Lambrecht— Chair: S. Sopocy nominated Tim Lambrecht as the Chair, seconded by D. Justin. Approved by all present, motion passed.

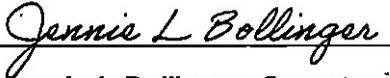
ii. Sam Smith — Vice Chair: S. Sopocy nominated Sam Smith as the Vice Chair, seconded by D. Justin. Approved by all present, motion passed.

iii. Matt Ahearn — Secretary: S. Sopocy nominated Matt Ahearn as the Secretary, seconded by D. Justin. Approved by all present, motion passed.

7. Public comment: None

8. Financial Report/Bill Review: Went over and nobody had issues or questions. 9. Directors Report:

- a. Reed Update-Brush Work, start looking at bench repair and trash repair.
 - b. Hubscher Update-Minor brush work, start bench repair and trash repair.
 - c. Pompeii Update-
 - d. Luneack Update-
10. Old Business: None
11. New Business:
- a. 2026 Mower update quote: A motion to authorize purchase of mower with a better trade-in price or buying mower w/out trade-in and sell old mower at auction was made by D. Hessbrook, seconded by S. Sopocy. **Approved by all present, motion passéd.**
 - b. Park entrance signs: Get a new quote for only 2 signs with the 2-pillar option and ask if they have a warranty for them.
 - c. Discuss who to distribute grant money to: A motion to recommend to the Board for Village of Perrinton to receive \$20,333.00 and Wheeler Township to receive \$18,733.00 from the grant money was made by D. Justin, seconded by J. Lewis. .
 - d. Discuss Splash Pad: Discussed more about the splash pad about some features that they could have and a location in the City of Alma that would . be a great location. More discussion with the city needs to be held.
12. Additions:
- a. Options to fix, repair the overlook at Reed Park. Next meeting was suggested to be at Reed's Park shop/office so that we can go look at the overlook porch and bridge to see what fixes/repairs that need to be done.
13. Commission Member Comments:
14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.


Jennie L Bollinger, Secretary

