

Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation
24560 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Monday, January 6th 2025, 6:00 pm
Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Liaison Tim Rush at 6:00 pm.

Present: Member J. Gardner, Liaison Trustee DS T. Rush, Member J. Savich, Member M Rowland, Treasurer N. VanAsshe, and Secretary A. Honey. Also attending: Township Manager A. Burdick, Treasurer B. Patterson, Trustee Honey, Trustee Oddy and attendees.

- Oath of Appointments administered by Township Manager Burdick to James Savich, appointed to Chairman and Mary Ann Rowland, appointed to Co-Chairman.
- Liaison Trustee DS T. Rush served as the Committee Chairman for this meeting.
- This Special Meeting was held as an instructional session for new Committee appointments.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by J. Gardner, supported by J. Savich. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by J. Gardner, supported by J. Savich to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of December 9th, 2024. Motion carried.

5. **Chairman Report:**

Motion by N. VanAsshe, supported by J. Gardner to receive & file the Chairman's Report. Motion carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion by J. Savich, supported by A. Honey to receive & file the Chairman's Report. Motion carried.

7. **Curator, Sherwood Gardens: J. Gardner**

- A. Reported seed planting has started at Banotai Gardens.
- B. Discussed Earth Day for April 22, 2025 and what it involves at Banotai Gardens.

Motion by J. Savich, supported by M. Rowland to approve the Curator's Report. Motion carried.

8. **Liaison Report: Tim Rush:**

- **Reports that turnouts for the Parks and Rec Meetings has been inspiring.**

Motion by J. Savich, supported by A. Honey to accept the Liaison Report. Motion carried.

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9. **New Business:**

- A. Consider approval of the Regular Meeting Dates for 2025.
 - Meetings changed to 3rd Monday of the Month. Motion by N. Vanasshe, supported by J. Savich. Motion carried.
- B. Consider approval to select and develop the events list for 2025.
 - Discussed long list of activities and events to be decided upon. Motion by A. Honey, supported by J. Savich. Motion carried.

10. **Open Floor:**

- **Active Discussion:** All attendees actively participated in discussions related to activities, events, fundraising, and volunteer recruitment.

- **Action Items:**

1. **J. Honey & N. VanAsshe:** Researching the legalities regarding hosting Bingo events.
2. **J. Gardner, N. VanAsshe, A. Honey, & J. Savich, M. Rowland:** Agreed to plan Earth Day activities on April 26th, which include clean-up, planting, and weeding at Banotai Park Gardens.
3. Easter Egg Hunt event preparation.
4. Open House meet and greet for volunteers will be scheduled once the events are finalized.

11. **Adjournment:** Motion by T. Rush, supported by J. Savich to adjourn meeting at 7:20p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anita Honey
Secretary