

Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation
24560 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Monday, March 17, 2025 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Present: Member J. Gardner, Liaison Trustee DS T. Rush, Chair N. Vanassche, Co-Chair M Rowland (excused), Treasurer, M. Baughman, and Secretary A. Honey. Also attending: Treasurer B. Patterson, Member L. Bowman

- Liaison Trustee DS T. Rush served as the Committee Chairman for this meeting.

1. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by A. Honey, supported by N. VanAssche. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by N. VanAssche, supported by A. Honey to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2025. Motion carried.

3. **Chairman Report:**

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

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion by T. Rush, supported by N. VanAssche to receive & file the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

5. **Curator, Sherwood Pond Gardens: J. Gardner**

Reports wildflowers have been fed twice.

A comprehensive list of duties for Banotai Park and the surrounding garden area was presented, with a focus on tasks leading up to Earth Day. These duties include:

Cleaning and preparing park spaces

Planting and maintaining flower beds

Ensuring that waste disposal areas are clean and organized

Providing educational materials or signage for Earth Day-related events

General upkeep and trimming of shrubs and trees

Requested DPW Director to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss the specific duties and responsibilities within Banotai Park.

Motion by N. VanAssche, supported by A. Honey. Motion carried.

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6. Liaison Report: Tim Rush:

Raised the question regarding the process for securing financing for our upcoming projects, including activities and events. B. Patterson will investigate financing options and report back at the next meeting.

Motion by A. Honey, supported by M. Baughman. Motion carried.

7. Action Item Updates (Unfinished Business)

- a. Sign for Sherwood Pond Gardens. Two signs were approved for Sherwood Pond Gardens, example, "Do Not Pick Flowers."
- b. Bingo: A. Honey to present Fact Finding information.
- c. Earth Day Event: Updates and progress for event.
- d. DNR stocking pond: DNR states warm water fish (pan fish, bass) proliferate on their own and their advice for management is to encourage fishing. No further action needed.
- e. Grants: Will continue to seek grants for parks.

8. New Business: None.

9. Open Floor: No public discussion.

10. Adjournment: Motion by N. Vanassche, supported by M. Baughman to adjourn meeting at 7:27p.m. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anita Honey
Secretary