

LAKETOWN TOWNSHIP  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
4338 BEELINE ROAD  
HOLLAND, MI 49423

August 16, 2023  
Regular meeting  
6:00 p.m.

ARTICLE I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Van Hoven called the regular Laketown Township Parks & Recreation Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Becker, Anne Brand, Brad Laninga, Karen Simmons,  
Jeremy Van Hoven

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brett Grams – Facilities operations  
Michelle Sall – Community development director  
Jim Hayden – Public information coordinator

ARTICLE II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Laninga, second by Becker, to approve the July 19, 2023, minutes. Van Hoven called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE III. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

The commission discussed the bills. **Motion by Laninga, second by Simmons, to approve bills for July as presented. Van Hoven called for a vote on the motion. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**

ARTICLE IV. TOWNSHIP BOARD REPORTS

Sall said the board met in workshop to decide how to handle trustee opening. No meeting Aug. 9. A special meeting is Aug. 30 for trustee interviews and decision.

ARTICLE V. STAFF REPORTS

Grams reported the Allegan County Drain Commission will repair the erosion on a bridge over creek in Sanctuary Woods to prevent erosion from happening again. Sall said Alpha Nurseries will be treating invasives at Farview Park.

## ARTICLE VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Start: 6:05 p.m.

Dan Putnam, 6027 146<sup>th</sup> Ave. Asked that the Commission consider putting in a hard surface walking trail around the perimeter at Township Hall Park. Asked about Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility at other parks within the township.

End: 6:14 p.m.

## ARTICLE VII. PARK REPORTS

- A. Farview – Simmons  
No report.
- B. Huyser -- Simmons  
No report.
- C. Sanctuary Woods – Becker  
Entrance area cleaned.
- D. Shore Acres – Brand  
No report.
- E. Beach – Van Hoven  
New signs installed, stairs cleaned. Van Hoven is looking at EZ Beach Steps & Docks, will get estimate for stairs.
- F. Wolters Woods – Van Hoven  
No report.
- G. Historic Town Hall – Laninga  
Paint on the sidewalk at Wolters Woods needs to be removed.  
At town hall, garbage can full, building needs paint, dead limbs need to be removed, powerlines disconnected, needs light, could use solar panel.
- H. Township Hall Rec Complex – Laninga  
The chalkboard at pickleball court needs to be replaced.  
Weeds on ball field need to be removed, weeds need to be removed from gravel behind backstop.  
Laniga noted a handrail in Sanctuary Woods is broken, trail erosion by stairs, limb hanging down, trails heading toward private property.

Brand asked if boards on shared-use path will be fixed. Grams has marked 80 boards for replacement and plans to start next week.

## ARTICLE VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. New signs for Parks

The commission discussed the signs designed by Patty Meyer. The commission suggested the maps show terrain, distance and time of travel. Van Hoven will speak with Meyer about adding these items.

B. "Meet & Greet" summary compiled by Anne

Brand said she will include comments with survey report. So far, she has received 170 surveys, 60 with comments. Most comments on Huyser House and beach access.

C. 5-Year Master Plan Process Steps

Sall is working on updates.

#### ARTICLE IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. United Way Day of Caring

The commission discussed Day of Caring projects, selected the Sept. 28 date for volunteers to paint Old Township Hall, clear blueberry fields at Huyser Farm and cleanup at Farview.

Simmons said applications are ready for Huyser Hunt; said she plans to step down by winter.

#### ARTICLE X. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Start: 6:52 p.m.

No comments.

End: 6:52 p.m.

#### ARTICLE XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Laninga, second by Simmons, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. UNANIMOUS DECISION – MOTION APPROVED 5-0 VOICE VOTE.**