

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Draft Minutes of Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
7:00 p.m. at City Hall

- CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Workman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Was recited
- ROLL CALL:** Was taken by Amy Fuller
- MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Chairman Workman, Vice-Chair Selbig, Commissioners Lienau, Mahoney, Rodman, Agnew, and Smith.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Commissioner Maginity.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Rodman made a motion to approve the agenda for January 22, 2025. Motion supported by Commissioner Mahoney. Ayes all, motion carried.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Selbig made a motion to approve the minutes for December 4, 2024, with the correction of one typo. Motion supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes all, motion carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  
None.

**OLD BUSINESS REPORT:**

Amy Fuller followed up on the Commission's request for scoreboard pricing. She reported that wayfinding signage was ordered for the baseball fields and soccer fields. Following the installation of that signage, the commission can assess the signs and move forward with signage for other parks. Hugh Parker Soccer Fields sidewalks are being scheduled for a summer installation date. The Grand Avenue Playground equipment will be ordered as soon as insurance paperwork is received from the company. The Cook Family Foundation has awarded a grant of \$70,000 to the trail group for widening and resurfacing the James Miner Trail from the Gould St Bridge to McCurdy Park.

There was a motion by Commissioner Rodman to allocate \$10,000 from the 2024 Parks Millage funds for two scoreboards at Bennett Fields. Motion supported by Commissioner Smith. Ayes all, motion carried.

**ITEM OF BUSINESS:**

**Grant and Millage Projects:** Amy Fuller reported on cost estimates for the trail project at Collamer Park, the Bentley Park pickleball project, and a splash pad expansion. There was discussion on these projects. Motion made by Commissioner Rodman to allocate \$175,000 from the 2024 Parks Millage to expand the splash pad at Bentley Park, and to try to fundraise \$25,000 in additional funding from community organizations for the splash pad; contingent on the city general fund paying half of the required match (\$60,000 of \$120,000) for the DNR Recreation Passport Grant for new pickleball courts at Bentley Park. Support by Commissioner Selbig. Ayes, all. Motion made by Commissioner Smith to allocate \$60,000 from the 2024 Parks Millage to use as a match for a DNR Recreation Passport Grant from the State of MI DNR for new pickleball and tennis courts at Bentley Park and to request the additional \$60,000 needed for the project from the city's general fund.

**Next Meeting:** February 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM at City Hall. The March meeting is canceled.

**PUBLIC/COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Mahoney made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. motion supported by Commissioner Rodman. Ayes all, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Fuller, Assistant City Manager