

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**  
**310 GREENWOOD ST., GRAND LEDGE MI 48837**

**I. ROLL CALL OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Ruthann Jaquette, Chair	X	
Teri Langley, Vice Chair	X	
Bill Barnes – Grand Ledge Public Schools		X
Chris Klaver	X	
Michael Krombeen	X	
Raechel Marks	X	
Casey McDonnell		X
Amber Slocum	X	
Thomas Steinbis		X
<b>OTHERS</b>		
Dave Logel, City Council Liaison	X	
Rich Morrison, Community Development Director	X	
Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent		
Mayor Keith Mulder	X	

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

COMMISSIONER KROMBEEEN NOMINATED RUTHANN JAQUETTE AS CHAIR AND TERI LANGLEY AS VICE-CHAIR.

NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS.

RUTHANN JAQUETTE UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS CHAIR.

TERI LANGLEY UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED AS VICE-CHAIR.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – REMOVE ITEM FOR SPECIAL MEETING**

- A. Motion** – To approve the Thursday, January 22, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission regular agenda.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR AGENDA. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LANGLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Motion** – To approve the Thursday, December 11, 2025 Parks and Recreation Commission minutes.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES, AS PRESENTED. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LANGLEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Earth Day Subcommittee**

Commissioner Marks reported the Earth Day Subcommittee met prior to the January 22, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting and discussed a number of ideas for Earth Day; and recommends the 2026 Earth Day be similar to the 2025 Earth Day with expanded activities and be held from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 18, 2026.

**VIII. STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reported the construction start for the ADA Observation Platform in Jaycee Park is delayed due to harsh weather.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Kickoff Meeting with ROWE.**

Doug Shultz, ROWE Professional Services, provided an outline of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process including the timeline, goals, objectives review, and public participation.

The Commission discussed a survey as part of the public participation process and continuing discussion at the February 26, 2026 meeting.

Commissioner Krombeen volunteered to prepared and tabulate a survey.

**B. Earth Day 2026.**

The Commission discussed Earth Day.

**C. Earth Day Subcommittee.**

MOTION TO ADD COMMISSIONER SLOCUM TO THE EARTH DAY SUBCOMMITTEE. MOVED BY LANGLEY. SECONDED BY MARKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

City Council Liaison Dave Logel informed the Commission that City Council recently adopted its 2026-2027 Priorities and that parks remains on the priority list.

Mayor Mulder commented that the Universally Designed ADA Accessible Playground at Jaycee Park was fully funded and thanked the Commissioners for its work.

**XII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners commented on the harsh weather, Earth Day, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 P.M.**

Submitted by:

Rich Morrison, Community Development Director