

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR
MEETING
February 26, 2026**

Call to Order – 7:00 pm.

I. Roll Call of Parks and Recreation Commission -

COMMISSIONERS	PRESENT	ABSENT
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	
OTHERS		
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. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2026. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of January 22, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FROM JANUARY 22, 2026, REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SLOCUM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. Public Comment

None.

VI. Committee Reports – Earth Day Subcommittee

Commissioner Marks reported on the Earth Day Subcommittee meeting held prior to the Feb 26 regular meeting. The subcommittee discussed a number of items discussed in the subcommittee meeting. She asked Commissioners to volunteer for activities for Earth Day. The Earth Day Flyer and Passports were discussed by the Commission

VII. Staff Reports

Staff reported that the construction start for the ADA Observation Platform in Jaycee Park is underway and reported on Ballfield Phase II and Phase III. Rich Morrison invited Mayor Mulder to the podium to discuss a replacement picnic shelter/pavilion for Jaycee Park. After discussion, a MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 30'x48' PAVILION AT JAYCEE PARK WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KLAVER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. Unfinished Business**IX. New Business****A. Master Plan Follow Ups:**

- i- Develop stakeholder list: Commissioners identified groups and organizations to participate in the stakeholder meetings with ROWE. Staff will compile the list and route it to the Commission to identify contacts for the groups/organizations. The list will be forwarded to ROWE..
- ii- Review Master Plan action plan progress: The Commission reviewed the list of projects included in the packet. Staff suggested that Earth Day activities be sent to ROWE as accomplishments as well as the action plan progress document. The Commission noted that funds and capacity were the primary limiting factors for why more action plan progress has not been made. It was also noted that the DDA is a major funder of projects within the DDA district, but that many of the City parks are not in the DDA district.

B. Earth Day 2026

No discussion took place

C. Recommendation to support grant application for Ballfield Phase III

MOTION TO SUPPORT THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR BALLFIELD PHASE III AS OUTLINED STAFF MEMO DATED FEB 23,2026. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER STEINBIS. SECONDED BY COMMISSIOER SLOCUM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

X. Public Comment –

Council Liason Dave Logel asked to speak to the Earth Day Subcommittee.

XI. Commission Comments –

Commissioners commented on the Master Plan process and Earth Day.

XII. Adjournment: 8:30pm

Submitted by:

Rich Morrison, Community Development Director

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