



## Hamburg Township Parks & Recreation

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To: Township Board of Trustees & Parks Committee

From: Deby Henneman, Township Coordinator, Parks, ADA, Grants, Ordinances

Re: Township Coordinator's Report – August 2026

### Parks:

**Bennett Park & Water Trail Access Improvements Grant TF22-0107:** We will be moving ahead with the sensory garden installation now that there has been a bit of a break in the weather. Project will be completed with volunteers, staff, and a hired contractor.

There are features proposed in the sensory garden that will allow for donor opportunities through our Adopt-A-Feature program. The sensory element installation will be contingent on receiving donations and must comply with accessibility and municipal parkland safety standards. Anyone who is interested in providing long term maintenance of our gardens through our Adopt A Feature program, can contact [dhenneman@hamburg.mi.us](mailto:dhenneman@hamburg.mi.us) or learn more at: [https://www.hamburg.mi.us/departments/parks\\_and\\_recreation/commemorative\\_bench\\_tree\\_garden\\_program.php](https://www.hamburg.mi.us/departments/parks_and_recreation/commemorative_bench_tree_garden_program.php).



There will also be a garden near the adult swing area which will be funded in part by a donation from the Bennett's Beavers. The swings have been ordered and installation of the pathway should be

starting in the next few weeks. There will be 2 of these benches installed at either end of a “Y” shaped path. A garden will be installed between the 2 benches with an opportunity for a free little library or free little art studio to be installed with a future donation.



### **Trails:**

**Lakelands Trail Zukey Lake Footbridge & Amenities Project Grant TF25-0213:** The funding was approved and the Board has signed the agreement with the MDNR which was submitted to them for final execution along with the Board resolution committing funds in the amount of \$100,000.

The final date for the free Bicycle clinic will be Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon and will be near the Pettysville Trailhead.

I have had no updates on the Fire Truck wayside exhibit.

### **Events:**

We will be wrapping up the America 250 Event by burying the time capsule in early September and the final order of bricks for 2026 will be placed. A bench and memorial stone to complete this project is still needed. We will continue to sell legacy bricks for that location. For more information, or to see information about our event, please visit: [https://www.hamburg.mi.us/T66\\_R79.php](https://www.hamburg.mi.us/T66_R79.php)

HERO submitted a Park Use Application to the Township Board at the July 9, 2026, meeting. A five-year use was approved.

Plans are underway for Christmas In The Village 2026 which will be reduced to a one-day event. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2026 from Noon – 7 PM. Sponsor and Vendor letters will be going out to past supporters of the event and website updates are pending.

### Park Projects/Tasks:

- West Park
  - Repair flooding in field H3 – **On hold**
  - Engineered Wood Fiber for abandoned playground to install “game” area – **On hold**
  - Look into new gate for driveway for large events
  - Update Kiosks Information holders – **Assign to Park Rangers?**
  - Complete work on the Sensory & Rain Gardens – **We need worker bees –TBD**
- East Park
  - Playground inspections – **Duane to complete and maintain records.**
  - Replace Dugouts & create pathways to each size field – **PHBSA?**
  - Repair/update batting cage – **PHBSA?**
  - Replace/repair netting over fencing (**We have exceeded life expectancy – this screens playground area**)
  - Look into gate for driveway for large events
  - Increase fence height for Flyer’s field – **Need to screen spectators. MMRMA has offered to review plans for any upgrades in that area to ensure compliance.**
  - Install Rules & Regs/Kiosk with contact at Flyer’s field for RC and Sledding hill HH
  - Install Info Kiosk at Concession Building
  - Revamp Concession to house vending?
  - Sidewalk Art Project at the East Park Concession – **On hold**
- Trail/Trailheads
  - **Tree/growth trimming project – Delays due to workload and other projects**
  - Build/Install wooden screening for portable toilets – **On hold**
  - Fill sinkholes and reinforce asphalt, as needed – **Park Rangers spray issues**
  - Provide more respite areas through Adopt A Feature program - **Ongoing**
  - Zukey Lake Bridge (Kress Rd.) - EB transition needs to be addressed. – **Work pending – Spring 2026 (Duane will check into 7/2026)**
  - Complete work on the Story Walk Garden – **Adopted by Powers Flowers**

### ADA

All updates will be made in the Transition Plan and made available to Township Board for their Budget review process each year. – **Will be completed for the Master Plan process**

- Website compliance with WCAG 2.2 has been extended to April 2028
- Door inspection RFP is being developed. 26/27 FY
- Assistive Listening Device will be purchased and shared. 26/27 FY

### Grants & Master Plan

- Parks & Recreation has approved distribution of the 5-year Master Plan RFP. Bids are due on 9/10/26 and Bid Tab anticipated to Parks for 9/22/26 meeting and to Township Board at 10/6/26 meeting. Current Master plan can be found here:  
[https://cms7files.revize.com/hamburgmi/Parks\\_And\\_Rec/Master%20Plan/01\\_Final%20Plan%20with%20Adoption%20Documentation%20\(Compressed\).pdf](https://cms7files.revize.com/hamburgmi/Parks_And_Rec/Master%20Plan/01_Final%20Plan%20with%20Adoption%20Documentation%20(Compressed).pdf)
- The 2022 Trust Fund Grant #TF22-0107 requires bench, sign, and garden installation to complete and close. This should be a priority.
- Trust Fund Grant #TF25-0213 awarded – Agreement processed with MDNR.



Existing Gravel parking lot with paved ADA spaces—Trees have been planted in park and need to be shown on map with full canopy