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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 – July 2026

Parks:

Bennett Park & Water Trail Access Improvements Grant TF22-0107: The project is 90% complete, we just need to finish up the gardens and install the amenities. I received feedback on the sensory garden design and will be making tweaks to the plant types based on the Hamburg Garden Club's recommendations.

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 or learn more at:

https://www.hamburg.mi.us/departments/parks_and_recreation/commemorative_bench_tree_garden_program.php.

The gazebo will be cleaned and stained, just waiting for the weather to cooperate. When the sensory garden is installed, I plan on placing a few plants around the base of the gazebo as well. 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.

I would also like to see if the spinners remaining in the playground could be moved/reinstalled near the pathway. They seem to be in good repair and it might be nice to repurpose them along the path. I will speak to Duane about this as he is our current Playground Inspector. If it is possible, I would request that the work be done by a playground installation company.

Trees have been installed in and around the field where the path and playground have been installed. Once they have a few years to establish themselves, they will provide some amazing shade for future visitors.

We do have a meeting with Spicer on August 4th, at which time I hope to have an idea of when the ribbon cutting will be held. The closeout paperwork should be submitted to the MDNR by early September.

Trails:

Lakelands Trail Zukey Lake Footbridge & Amenities Project Grant TF25-0213: IMEG is collecting bids for soil borings, and we hope to make our selection soon to move forward with that process. In the meantime, we are working on what we are “allowed to” within the rules of the grant process.

The next date for the free Bicycle clinic will be Sunday, August 9th from 9am to Noon and will be near the Pettysville Trailhead. The final date for the season is planned for September 6th.

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 August and have a dozen or so bricks to add to the area surrounding the site. There will also be a bench and memorial stone placed there to complete this project. 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

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

Planning for the Christmas In The Village event will be starting in early August.

Park Projects/Tasks:

- West Park
 - Repair flooding in field H3 – **On hold per management.**
 - Engineered Wood Fiber for abandoned playground to install “game” area – **On hold**
 - Wayfinding signage for driveway – **Installed!**
 - Look into new gate for driveway for large events
 - Update Kiosks Information holders
 - 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
 - Repair/update batting cage
 - 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 – **Is Underway!**

- Trail/Trailheads
 - Tree/growth trimming project – Delays due to workload and other projects
 - Build/Install wooden screening for portable toilets – Clerk getting bids
 - 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
 - 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. - **Delayed**

- 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:

Parks & Recreation has recommended updating the 5-year Master Plan which will be due by 4/1/27.
– **Requested Budget of \$30,000 for this at Strategic Planning. RFP out in August.**

- The 2022 Trust Fund Grant #TF22-0107 has been extended to Summer 2026.
- Trust Fund Grant #TF25-0213 awarded – Agreement pending per MDNR.

Ordinances

Supplement #5 will be the next Supplement which will be finalized at the end of 2026 and published early 2027. All changes are uploaded as they are approved/published and can be found on the Ordinance home page listed under Adopted Ordinances Not Yet Codified:

[https://library.municode.com/mi/hamburg_township_\(livingston_co.\)/codes/code_of_ordinances](https://library.municode.com/mi/hamburg_township_(livingston_co.)/codes/code_of_ordinances).

Recent Ordinances approved and in the works:

- Fireworks Ordinance – New Section VI – Effective June 20, 2026 – on Municode
- Breach Of Peace Ordinance – Amended – Effective June 20, 2026 – on Municode
- Wastewater Treatment Ordinance – Amended – Effective July 25, 2026 – on Municode
- Authorized Township Officials – Pending first reading: Not sent to the Board