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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 – May 2026

Parks:

Bennett Park & Water Trail Access Improvements Grant TF22-0107: The playground equipment has been installed and the playground surfacing should be completed by the end of the month. The restoration by LJ will be finalized by the beginning of June. I have contacted the Hamburg Garden Club for final design thoughts, and will be getting quotes from a Landscaping Company to do the garden beds at both the playground and the kayak launch. The plaque has been ordered and we have 2 benches to be installed. Once I know when the beds will be installed and the project will be complete, I will schedule a ribbon-cutting. My guess is that will be sometime in July after the America 250 event and Fun Fest.

You can find a link to the project plans on the Parks & Recreation home page here:

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



Figure 1- Space Pod Feature (Fiber)



Figure 2- Music (Fiber)



Figure 3- Merry Go Round, Climber, Saucer Swing (Poured in Place Surface)



Figure 4- Gazebo Pathway (Transition must be flush with surface) – This structure needs stain and minor repair. Suggest Brown Stain, with Dark Green Trim like Adult Workout.

There are other features in this area also being discussed as we are no longer planning a Story Walk in West Park. We are investigating pocket gardens, intergenerational play areas, future playground “pods”, and a possible respite area near the playground features. Anyone who is interested in our Adopt A Feature program can contact me at dhenneman@hamburg.mi.us. We have investment opportunities of all monetary levels and are open to facility suggestions!

B&G has installed internal wayfinding signage in the complex and they have driveway signs which will direct folks into the right driveway from Merrill Rd. Thank you Duane and Crew!



The Boardwalk is closed until further notice due to extensive storm damage. A more permanent solution to the barrier at the end of the boardwalk will be installed when repairs are made so that it can be shut down in the winter or when damage occurs. There are also plans to add a small kiosk so that announcements can be posted on site.

So far limiting the number of fields for Tournaments at 4 playable surfaces has been positive and seems to keep the visitors parked on the correct side of the road. I have had to respond to last-minute requests for increased field allowance (telling them no), and there has been issues with volume of garbage on a Monday morning (we billed for extra time).

I am starting to get more requests for use of our Cross-Country area and for 5Ks in general. I see this becoming an issue, so wanted to mention it here as a possible future topic of discussion.

Installation of the Sunblock Dispenser at Pickleball should be done by our meeting. The 2nd dispenser will be worked into the playground design at West Park considering the limited shade in that area. It will be placed in an area where adults will be more likely to congregate such as the proposed respite beyond the music pod.

Trails:

Lakelands Trail Zukey Lake Footbridge & Amenities Project Grant TF25-0213: We have secured IMEG as our Prime Professional/Engineer for this project, who has been working on pricing for permits as well as a bid for soil borings. We will be required to pull building & MDNR permits as well as one to build within the RR right of way. We are currently awaiting the Fund Agreement from the MDNR for this project, having been granted \$100,000 of the estimated \$200,000 this project will cost. There has been a hold up on final approval of Senate Bill 829 which includes \$45 million for 75 projects statewide. I sent out an email last week outlining a need to contact our Representative, and have sent an email to Representative Conlin urging her to support this funding. In the meantime, we are working on what we are "allowed to" within the rules of the grant process.

I attended the Friends of the Lakelands Trail meeting on behalf of the Clerk's Office, and concerns were raised about E-Bikes. Officer Kozowicz has come up with a flyer to help educate folks, and I have reached out to the MDNR to see if there is any thoughts on an educational campaign for the topic.

Repairs on the Pump at the Pettysville Trailhead are forthcoming. We would like to thank the Friends of the Lakelands Trail for their \$600 commitment to the repair.

Our Bicycle clinic will be starting in June near the Pettysville Trailhead and dates proposed are as follows: Sundays mornings from 9am - 12noon. June 7, July 5, August 9, September 6.

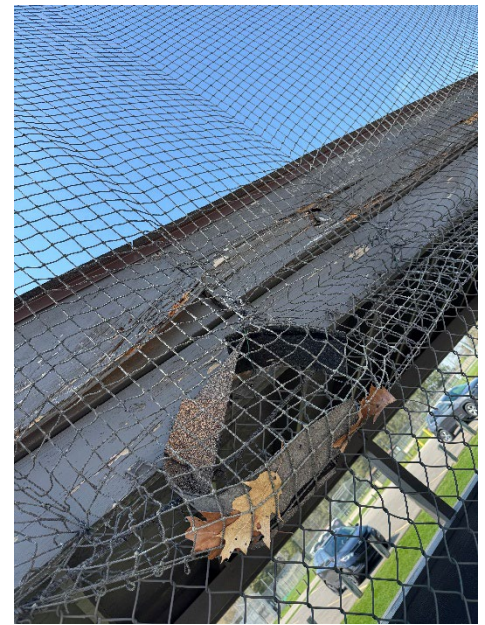
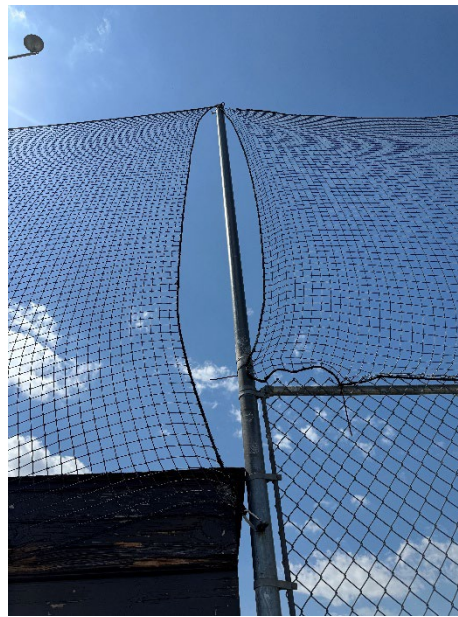
Events:

The Community Clean-Up Event Report is in the packet, and we were well under budget.

The America 250 / Time Capsule Event has been posted to our website. The flyers and event applications can be found: https://www.hamburg.mi.us/T66_R79.php

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 – **Signs are awaiting installation**
 - Look into new gate for driveway for large events
 - Update Kiosks Information holders
 - Complete work on the Sensory & Rain Gardens – **We need fill and worker bees**
- 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?
- Trail/Trailheads
 - 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.**

- The 2022 Trust Fund Grant #TF22-0107 has been extended to Spring 2026.
- Trust Fund Grant #TF25-0213 awarded – Awaiting agreement. Prime Professional secured.

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
- Breach Of Peace Ordinance – Amended – Effective June 20, 2026