

Village of Lake Orion Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Village of Lake Orion Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order at Village Hall by Rosemary Ford at 6:40pm.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Chairperson: Rosemary Ford
Council Member: George Dandalides
Secretary: Cristy Garbacik
Absent: Vice Chairperson: Erin Crane
Member: Erin Rohlfing
Vacancies: None
Also in attendance: DPW Director Wes Sanchez
Village Council member Mike Lamb

3. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2026

By Cristy Garbacik,

RESOLVED: That the regular minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee be approved.

Seconded by Rosemary Ford and adopted: AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2.

4. Call to the Public

No public comment was received.

5. Approval of Agenda

By Cristy Garbacik,

RESOLVED: To approve the Agenda of the Tuesday, March 24, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Seconded by George Dandalides and adopted AYES: 3; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 2.

6. Pending Business

A. Parks Maintenance.

An updated parks maintenance needs list is presented on a word document **which is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.**

Added:

Children's - Valentino's grease bin is leaking into park (DPW contacted restaurant manager)

Children's - Green rubber mulch is needed in playground area.

Children's - Bench metal frames are rusted and broken (two = Gazebo and by Wine Social top)

Removed:

Meek's – Tree fell in river (per DNR, the tree needs to stay for bank/root stabilization)

B. Capital Improvement Plan

An updated capital improvement plan is presented on an excel document **which is attached and incorporated as part of these minutes.**

DPW received three quotes to repair the sprinklers in Green's Park. Thinking about Stafford.

\$10,950 Mr. Sprinkler quote

\$9,800 Techseven quote

\$6,950 Stafford quote

7. New Business

A. Troop 284 Community Service

Scout Troop 284, with Scoutmaster Neil Garbacik, met at Atwater Park March 14 from 9:00-10:30am. They gathered sticks and cleaned up the area.

They will continue to do community service at Children's Park on Saturday, April 11 from 9:00-10:30am. Cristy Garbacik will be in touch with DPW/Wes Sanchez with reminders and support.

B. Eagle Project

Logan Garbacik, from Scout Troop 284, worked with DPW Wes Sanchez and the Village Manager to agree on an Eagle Project. He will update or repair the picnic tables at Children's Park.

C. Volunteer Days

Rescheduled for next meeting.

8. Reports

A. Children's Shade Sails

A reminder was shared with Wes Sanchez about the email George Dadalides sent to DPW on October 31, 2025 with CIP requests and a quote for purchasing shade sails from AAA State of Play for Children's Park at \$2,500 with posts. These will match the current ones in Children's Park with Ocean Blue frames and Lime Shade Fabric. We would request DPW to assist with installation.

B. Green's Boat Bumpers

George Dadalides proposed to meet with Wes Sanchez on March, 25th at Green's Park to discuss the continued improvement of the docks. This includes, but is not limited to, leveling the docks, adding bumpers, adjusting cleats, fixing the floating dock for stability, and extending the docks by one section. Additionally requesting to work with John Jones from Walk on Water.

C. Orion Township networking

George Dadalides spoke with Aaron Whatley from Orion Twp. Parks and Rec. Aaron said he knows about agreeing to discuss how Orion Township could support the Village parks. Rosemary Ford and George Dadalides will coordinate their schedules to meet with Aaron in April to walk the Village Parks.

D. Basketball Court

On March 23, 2026 Village Council majority voted no on continuing to fund the basketball project. The Council then agreed to pay a portion (\$60,000), and it was suggested to request the remaining funds from DDA; as this is in a DDA area. Council then suggested asking the DDA to fund the entire project. Next, Council will present this for approval of the DDA.

9. Items to Be Placed on Next Agenda

Pending Business

 Parks Maintenance

 Capital Improvement Plan

New Business

 Troop 284 Community service

 Volunteer Days

 Committee Minutes

 Children's Park safety form

Reports

 Children's Shade Sails

 Green's Boat Bumpers

 Orion Township networking

 Atwater Basketball court

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:30 at Children's Park.

11. Committee Member Comments

Rosemary Ford mentioned there is a DDA downtown volunteer day on May 9th from 9-12.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by Cristy Garbacik seconded by Rosemay Ford, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Rosemary Ford, Chairperson
Date Approved: _____

Cristy Garbacik, Recording Secretary

**Village of Lake Orion Parks & Recreation Committee Budget
 2026-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (major permanent items over \$2,500 with a life span over 1 year)**

	Budget Item	Priority Level	Cost Estimate	Cost Actual	Notes	Voted & Agreed
1	Atwater Park Basketball Court - 4" <u>Approved - 11-25-24 and 4-22-25</u> Request 68x50 (3,400 sq. ft. court) Current 47x50 (2,350 sq. ft. court)	High	\$16,000	5-28-24 Birmingham Seal \$30,733.00 (50x50 2,500sf) removal +\$4,700 9-21-24 Hutch Paving \$33,965.00 (68x50 3,400sf) and removal 7-22-25 NF Paving \$35,712.44 (84x50 7,280sf) 8-25-25 Hutch Paving \$32,480.00 (4,100 sf) and removal +9,820	8-1-23 Began discussion 6-25-24 DPW to look into cost 11-25-24 Council approved CDBG funds of \$9,348.00 to be used towards Atwater bb court refurbish 10-6-25 P&R letter 2-24-26 DPW received 6 bids for Jr. High size from \$132,000 to 57,000. The swings will need to be moved. Done in Spring 2026. 3-23-26 Village council majority votes no on project, suggested DDA funds project.	11-25-24 Council approved uses of PY2025 CDBG \$9,348.00 project. April '25 Council approved allocations for '25-'26 fully fund project, projected to be complete in Spring of 2026 7-28-25 Council doesn't support 7-22-25 NF engineering recommendation, manager requesting engineering 10-10-25 Council approved engineering for basketball court.
2	Green's Park Pavilion (SW of basketball court)	High	\$50,000		10-27-20 20x40 powder coated steel, 24-gauge metal roof 9-23-25 motion 10-6-25 P&R letter 2-24-26 DPW contacted Mocerri about a donation	5-3-21 GazeboCreations.com \$34,000 to 38,000. Plus pouring concrete slab, construction volunteer day total \$45,000-50,000

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3	Green's Park Sprinklers	High	\$6,000	7-22-25 \$8,400 DPW quote 3-24-26 \$10,950 Mr. Sprinkler quote 3-24-26 \$9,800 Techseven quote 3-24-26 \$6,950 Stafford quote	7-26-22 motion 9-23-25 motion 10-6-25 P&R letter 2-24-26 DPW request for quote	
4	Atwater Additional Swing structure	Medium	\$1,500		10-6-25 P&R letter 2-24-26 hold until basketball court is complete	
5	Children's Additional Shade Sail(s) (1-3) Frame=Ocean Blue Shade fabric=Lime	Medium	1200 each	7-22-25 \$5,000 total, \$2,500 each AAA State of Play	Matching current, with post, DPW install 10-6-25 P&R letter 10-31-25 email	9-23-25 Yes
6	Green's Park Retaining Wall	Medium				
7	Unger Park Basketball court	Low		Birmingham Seal \$15,000.00 5- 28-24 (quarter court)		
8	Swiss Village Basketball court	Low				
9	Children's Park Stone walls are disintegrating.				DDA installed 5-14-20 concern	
#	Green's Park East-West seawall				5/26/2015	
#	Green's Park Dock extension x1				7-22-25 10-6-25 P&R letter	

Approved

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	Children's and Meek's Park - Bank Stabilization <u>Approved 4-22-25</u>	High	300,000 - 400,000		The Village and DDA have a goal of improving bank stabilization in the DDA district. A 75/25 plan allows 75% of funds to be allotted for needed infrastructure.	4-22-25 Village, DPW, and DDA have approved completing this project in Spring 2026.
	Children's Park Bridge	Medium			7-22-25 budgeted by Village for '25-26 for \$100,000 2-18-26 Newspaper article design proposal	

Lake Orion Village Parks Maintenance Items

Updated Per March 24, 2026, Meeting

Red =1st Priority, Orange =2nd Priority, Blue = 3rd Priority

All Parks

- 1 – **DPW daily maintenance employee for the park grounds.**
- 1 – **Power wash and weed all parks monthly or as needed.**

Children's Park

- 1 – (7/23/24) Add woodchips next to the red slide, all new spirea have died. (Jose will call)
- 1 – (5/27/25) New Maple tree by Cookies and Cream died. (planted 7/23/24)
- 1 – (7/23/24) Playground equipment Twist broken, needs to be raised – (Landscape Structures contacted)
Ordered by DPW, might be covered by Warranty
- 1 – (3/24/26) Valentino's grease bin is leaking into park (DPW contacted restaurant manager)
- 2 – (3/24/26) Green rubber mulch is needed in playground area.
- 2 – (3/24/26) Bench metal frames are rusted and broken (two = Gazebo and by Wine Social top)
- 3 – (3/19/24) Picnic table multiple seats cracked (close to parking lot) – Future Eagle project

Meek's Park

- 2 – Bollards on bridge were run over and need to be replaced (close to Washington street)
- 3 – Bench was run over and needs to be replaced

Green's Park

- 1 – (7/26/22) Addition of mounted boat bumpers to be installed on docks. (10-6-25 P&R letter)
- 1 – (5/27/25) New Maple tree by beach died. (planted 7/23/24)
- 2 – (7/22/25) Floating boat dock (furthest south) unstable.
- 3 – (7/23/24) Remove small wooden and concrete seawall inside south beach. (5/27/25 met with engineer)

Swiss Village Park

- 2 – (5/27/25) Grass needs to be cut on hill.
- 2 – (6/24/25) Playground low on sand.
- 3 – (5/23/23) Border needed around playground.
- 3 – (8/26/25) Chess table chair bent.

Unger Park

Atwater Park

- 2 – (2/24/26) Fix chain-link fence (bent with holes, by the baseball diamond close to DPW)
- 3 – (4/22/25) Bleachers need to be replaced.