

**Village of Lake Orion Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 6:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order by the Chairperson**

The Tuesday, September 23, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Village of Lake Orion Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order at Village Hall by Rosemary Ford at 6:38pm.

**2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum**

Present: Chairperson: Rosemary Ford  
Vice Chairperson: Erin Crane  
Secretary: Cristy Garbacik  
Member: Erin Rohlfing  
Council Member: George Dandalides

Vacancies: None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2025**

By Cristy Garbacik,

RESOLVED: That the regular minutes of the August 24, 2025, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee be approved.

Seconded by Erin Crane and adopted: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0.

**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, August 26, 2025, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Seconded by Erin Rohlfing and adopted AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0.

**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.**

The committee questioned why Village leadership was not in attendance.

Wes Sanchez mentioned to Rosemary Ford he was looking to place a DPW employee in the parks. A similar comment was made on October 1, 2024.

Added:

All – DPW daily maintenance employee for the park grounds

Meeks – Wooden bridge railings deteriorating.

Unger – Parking lot wooden boarder has exposed rod.

Removed:

Meeks – Wooden bridge railings deteriorating. (DPW replaced)

Unger – Pavers under bench. (DPW completed)

Unger – Parking lot wooden boarder has exposed rod. (DPW fixed)

Unger – Small slide pole moves. (DPW fixed)

Unger – Japanese Knotweed to be removed (leave per neighbors)

**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.**

**7. New Business**

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**A. Shade Sails**

George Dadalides received a quote for purchasing shade sails for Children’s Park at \$2,500 with posts. These will match the current ones in Childre’s Park. We would request DPW to assist with installation.

A motion was made to purchase two shade sails for Children’s Park using Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay funds.

By Cristy Garbacik

Seconded by Erin Rohlfing and adopted: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0.

**B. Boat Bumpers**

Green’s Park, there are 3 docks. They would need 2 bumpers on each side equaling 4 bumpers per dock. 3 docks x 4 bumpers = 12 bumpers in total. Erin Crane will contact Wes Sanchez with specifications on plans with the motion below.

A motion was made requesting Walk on Water to continue to improve the docks at Green’s Park. 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 using funds collected from Green’s Park boat passes or Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay funds.

By Erin Crane

Seconded by Erin Rohlfing and adopted: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0.

**C. Preliminary Council Report**

We discussed our top three priorities for the 2026-2027 Village CIP planning. Rosemary Ford will present our thoughts at the next Village Council meeting.

A motion was made to prioritize our Capital Improvement Plan items in order of 1) Atwater Basketball Court, 2) Green’s Park pavilion, and 3) Green’s Park sprinklers.

By Rosemary Ford

Seconded by Erin Crane and adopted: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0.

**8. Reports**

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**A. Volunteer Days**

The committee found this a successful way to clean up the local parks. We would like to continue this plan and set dates and locations in the Spring to submit to Lake Orion High School student volunteer coordinator.

**B. Orion Township networking**

No updates at this time.

**C. Basketball Court**

George Dandalides will request Village Council to continue going forward with plans for the Atwater basketball court. We suggest continuing with receiving engineering for the correct installation of the court. Additionally, we suggest a 68x50 (3,400 sq. ft.) court size.

A motion was made to purchase a swing set structure with two swings for Atwater's Park using Parks and Recreation Capital Outlay funds.

By Rosemary Ford

Seconded by Erin Rohlfing and adopted: AYES: 5; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 0.

**9. Items to Be Placed on Next Agenda**

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Pending Business

Parks Maintenance

Capital Improvement Plan

New Business

Shade Sails

Boat Bumpers

Reports

Orion Township networking

Atwater Basketball court

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

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Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 6:30 at Village Hall.

**11. Committee Member Comments**

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Rosemary Ford noticed the window covers at the staffing station in Green's Park.

**12. Adjournment**

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On a motion by Cristy Garbacik, seconded by Rosemary Ford, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

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Rosemary Ford, Chairperson  
Date Approved: October 28, 2025

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Cristy Garbacik, Recording Secretary

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# **Lake Orion Village Parks Maintenance Items**

Updated Per September 23, 2025, Meeting

Red =1<sup>st</sup> Priority, Orange =2<sup>nd</sup> Priority, Blue = 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 spirilla 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
- 3 – (3/19/24) Picnic table multiple seats cracked (close to parking lot) – DPW to replace with wood

## **Meek’s Park**

- 3 – (4/22/25) Tree fell in river.

## **Green’s Park**

- 1 – (7/26/22) Addition of mounted boat bumpers to be installed on docks.
- 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**

- 3 – (6/25/24) Chairs crooked around tables.
- 3 – (4/22/25) Bleachers need to be replaced.

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**Village of Lake Orion Parks & Recreation Committee Budget  
2025-2026 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
Atwater Park Basketball Court - 4" <b>Approved - 11-25-24 and 4-22-25</b> Request 68x50 (3,400 sq. ft. court) Current 47x50 (2,350 sq. ft. court)	High	\$6,000	<b>5-28-24</b> Birmingham Seal \$30,733.00 (50x50 2,500sf) removal +\$4,700 <b>9-21-24</b> Hutch Paving \$33,965.00 (68x50 3,400sf) and removal <b>7-22-25</b> NF Paving \$35,712.44 (84x50 7,280sf) <b>8-25-25</b> 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	<b>11-25-24</b> Council approved uses of PY2025 CDBG \$9,348.00 project. <b>April '25</b> Council approved allocations for '25-'26 fully fund project, projected to be complete in Spring of 2026 <b>7-28-25</b> Council doesn't support 7-22-25 NF engineering recommendation, manager requesting engineering
Green's Park Pavilion at SW of basketball court	High	\$50,000		10-27-20 20x40 powercoated steal, 24-gauge metal roof	5-3-21 Gazebocreations.com \$34,000 to 38,000. Plus pouring concrete slab, construction volunteer day total \$45,000-50,000
Green's Park Sprinklers	High	\$6,000	7-22-25 DPW quote \$8,400	7-26-2022 motion	
Atwater Additional Swing structure	Medium	\$1,500			
Children's Additional Shade Sail(s) (1-3)	Medium	1200 each	7-22-25 \$2,500 each	Matching current, with post, DPW instal	9-23-25 Yes
Green's Park Retaining Wall	Medium				
Unger Park Basketball court	Low		Birmingham Seal \$15,000.00 5-28-24 (quarter court)		

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Swiss Village Basketball court	Low				
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 extention x1				7/22/2025	

<b>Approved</b>						
Children's and Meek's Park - Bank Stabilization <b><u>Approved 4-22-25</u></b>	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	