

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

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The Tuesday, February 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 6:39pm.

2. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Chairperson: Rosemary Ford
Vice Chairperson: Erin Crane
Secretary: Cristy Garbacik
Member: Erin Rohlfing
Absent: Council Member: George Dandalides
Vacancies: None
Also in attendance: DPW Director Wes Sanchez
Chief of Police Mark Amundson

3. Approval of Minutes

Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2025

By Cristy Garbacik,

RESOLVED: That the regular minutes of the October 28, 2025, meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee be approved.

Seconded by Erin Rohlfing and adopted: AYES: 4; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1.

4. Call to the Public

Logan Garbacik from Scout Troop 284

(Agenda item 7B) Logan returned about his possible Egale Project. In October of 2025, he attended with the request to build a fishing platform in Green’s Park. This project was not approved by DPW and the Village Manager due to safety concerns. However, they were interested in other projects. Logan explained an Eagle Project is a community benefit. He suggested redoing the railings on the bridge between Children’s and Meek’s Park, replacing or repairing the baseball bleachers at Atwater, updating or repairing the picnic tables at Children’s Park, or any other suggestions. Rosemary Ford mentioned she always likes the benches donated in the past. Wes Sanchez thanked him for his willingness to volunteer and would email him some project ideas.

5. Approval of Agenda

By Cristy Garbacik,

RESOLVED: To approve the Agenda of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee with the addition of 6D Ethics Affidavit and Policy.

Seconded by Erin Crane and adopted AYES: 4; NAYS: 0; ABSENT: 1.

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:

-Atwater Park – Fix chain-link fence (bent with holes, by the baseball diamond close to DPW)

Removed:

-Atwater Park – Chairs crooked around tables.

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.**

C. Volunteer Days

Rescheduled for next meeting.

D. Ethics Affidavit and Policy

A letter dated January 5, 2026 was handed to each committee member with the request to review and bring the affidavit to the office to be notarized.

7. New Business

A. Troop 284 Community Service

Scout Troop 284, with Scoutmaster Neil Garbacik, is willing to do community service. They will be at Children's Park on Saturday, March 7 from 9:00-10:30am. As well as Atwater Park on March 14 from 9:00-10:30am. Cristy Garbacik will be in touch with DPW/Wes Sanchez with reminders and support.

B. Eagle Project

See above in 4. Call to the Public

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 Childre's Park with Ocean Blue frames and Lime Shade Fabric. We would request DPW to assist with installation.

B. Green's Boat Bumpers

The October 31, 2025 email to DPW additionally included the CIP request to work with Walk on Water to repair the docks at Green's. Previously, George Dadalides volunteered to set up a meeting with Wes Sanchez and John Jones from Walk on Water. The goal was to meet together and create a plan and propose a bid 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.

C. Orion Township networking

No updates at this time.

D. Basketball Court

Wes Sanchez shared 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.

While sharing, Wes Sanchez also informed the committee of possible changes that might take place. He mentioned Village Council concerns about the cost of the lifeguards at Green's Park and the possible removal of the lifeguards. Additionally, the possible thoughts of using this saved cost to go towards attendants to help maintain the other parks.

Wes also shared he contacted Dominic Mocerri about the donation of a pavilion at Green's Park. The conversation also mentioned Mocerri removing the fence shared between the two properties.

Mark Amundson, Chief of Police, mentioned his thoughts on having more cameras and locks in the parks. He referred to it as a Dragon Eye. He also shared his concerns with the cost of Green's Park and the possible removal of the chain-link fence.

9. Items to Be Placed on Next Agenda

- Pending Business
 - Parks Maintenance
 - Capital Improvement Plan
- New Business
 - Troop 284 Community service
 - Eagle Project
 - Volunteer Days
- Reports
 - Children's Shade Sails
 - Green's Boat Bumpers
 - Orion Township networking
 - Atwater Basketball court

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 at Village Hall.

11. Committee Member Comments

Cristy Garbacik shared with Wes Sanchez that her daughter's Girl Scout troop would like to assist at replanting the trees at Green's Park and/or Children's Park.

12. Adjournment

On a motion by Cristy Garbacik seconded by Erin Crane, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Rosemary Ford, Chairperson
Date Approved: March 24, 2026

Cristy Garbacik, Recording Secretary

Lake Orion Village Parks Maintenance Items

Updated Per February 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 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. (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.

**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" Approved - 11-25-24 and 4-22-25 Request 68x50 (3,400 sq. ft. court) Current 47x50 (2,350 sq. ft. court)	High	\$6,000	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.	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
3	Green's Park Sprinklers	High	\$6,000	7-22-25 DPW quote \$8,400	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	

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					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	