

**WHITE LAKE TOWNSHIP
PARKS AND RECREATION
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Chairperson Carlock called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called.

ROLL CALL:

Pete Piccinato

Andrea Voorheis, Township Board Liaison

Merrie Carlock, Chairperson

Absent:

Rhonda Grubb

Scott Rolando

Also Present:

David Waligora, Senior Planner

Hannah Kennedy-Galley, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Voorheis to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. December 10, 2025

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Voorheis to approve the minutes of December 10, 2025, as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

CALL TO PUBLIC

None.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. Parks & Rec Committee 2026 Goals
Senior Planner Waligora asked the Committee what they want to focus on goals wise in this new year. He stated his current focus is familiarizing himself with the parks and their inventory.
- B. Recap: Parks and Grounds Maintenance Meetings
Senior Planner Waligora shared there have been several meetings with Township CDD staff, Board members, and DPS to establish Parks maintenance budgets and schedules. The meetings were productive.
- C. Parks Contracts
Senior Planner Waligora shared proposals for restroom rental contracts in the parks.

It was MOVED by Member Carlock, seconded by Member Piccinato, to approve the contract proposal from On-Time Portables for the 2026 season as proposed. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Carlock to approve the contract proposal from Stein for fertilization for 2026 as proposed. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).

- D. Park Ambassadors
It was discussed to reach out to HOAs and residents to participate.
- E. Parks Event Calendar – 2026
Rockin’ the Farm, Trunk or Treat, and the Christmas Tree Lighting Festival are scheduled for 2026.
- F. New Event for 2026 - Stanley Park/Twp Property 5k
It was discussed scheduling a 5k even to coincide with the opening of Stanley Park.
- G. Notice of Grant Submission
Senior Planner Waligora stated the Township received a grant for an ADA compliant play structure at Stanley Park.
- G. Planting of Future Christmas Trees on Township Properties
The Township currently owns a former tree farm; it was discussed moving some of the farms on said property to other Township properties.
- H. CIP and Parks Overlap Opportunities
The chairperson of the CIA, Rick Walklet, has shown interest in partnering with Parks and Rec to establish non-motorized pathways within the Township along M-59.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Planner Waligora stated he will be attending this year’s MPARKS conference.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Member Communications

The Committee discussed invasive species as well as a discussion with Treasurer Roman.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. NEXT MEETING DATE: **March 11, 2026**

It was MOVED by Member Piccinato, seconded by Member Voorheis to adjourn at 7:09 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (3 yes votes).