

SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

**The Superior Township Parks & Recreation Commission
Regular**

MARCH 2019 meeting

will be held

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

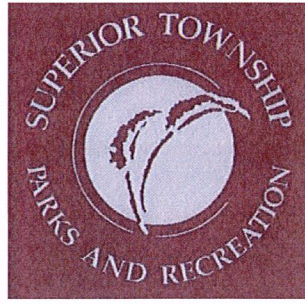
at

OLD TOWNSHIP HALL

(Corner of Cherry Hill & Prospect)



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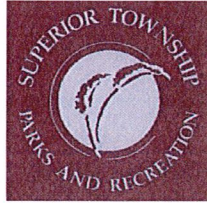
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Terry Lee Lansing	Alex Williams
Sandi Lopez	Bernedia Word



**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
OLD TOWNSHIP HALL
MARCH 25, 2019 @ 6:30 P.M.
AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ROLL CALL**
- 3) FLAG SALUTE**
- 4) AGENDA APPROVAL**
- 5) PRIOR MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**
 - A) February 25, 2018
- 6) CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**
- 7) REPORTS**
 - A) Chairperson
 - B) Administrator
 - C) Board Liaison
 - D) Board Meeting Attendee
 - E) Park Steward
 - F) Safety
- 8) COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A) Educational Info: Carbon Monoxide Dangers
 - B) 2019 Special Events Flier
 - C) 2019 Easter Egg Hunt Flier
 - D) 2019 Spring Special Events Attendance List
 - E) Parks & Recreation Commission Presentation to Township Board
 - F) Oakbrook Sports LLC Park Rental Form
 - G) Ann Arbor Greenbelt Awarded \$1M Grant
- 9) OLD BUSINESS**
- 10) NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) 2019 Park Development/Improvement Budget
- 11) BILLS FOR PAYMENT**
 - A) February 26 – March 25, 2019
- 12) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**
 - A) February 2019 Revenue & Expenditure Report
- 13) PLEAS AND PETITIONS**
- 14) ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 22, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
February 25, 2019

Proposed Minutes

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Paula Jefferson at 6:32 pm.
2. Roll Call
Park Commissioners present: Paula Jefferson, Marion Morris, Terry Lee Lansing, Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Sandi Lopez, Martha Kern-Boprie, Bernedia Word

Park Commissioners absent: none

Others present: Trustee Alex Williams, Juan Bradford, Parks Administrator; David Buterbaugh, Maintenance Supervisor; Patrick Pigott, Recreation Coordinator
3. Flag Salute
Chair Jefferson led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
4. Agenda Approval
It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Marion Morris to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business B. Communication to Township Board of Trustees. The motion carried.
5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
A. February 4, 2019
It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai to approve the minutes of 2/04/19 as drafted. The motion carried.
6. Citizen Participation: none
7. Reports
A. Chairperson
Chair Paula Jefferson presented a newsletter from Monroe City Parks & Recreation that could be a model for communication from and about Superior Township Parks & Recreation. Programs in the City of Monroe could also be considered in Superior Township.

B. Administrator
Juan Bradford submitted a written report. To this report he added that "Destination Ann Arbor" is sponsoring grants that could help fund outdoor movie nights in Superior Township. We are obtaining the grant application requirements. Treasurer Brenda McKinney will submit the application on behalf of Superior Township Parks.

C. Board Liaison
Trustee Alex Williams reported that the water main along MacArthur Blvd is one of the oldest and longest in Superior Township. Replacement of this main would be expensive. Some low interest financing may be available. Replacement of this main will probably be done in 2020. Horizontal drilling will probably be used rather than trenching, which will decrease damage to road pavement. Other significant upcoming Utility Department projects include sewer replacement on Harvest Lane and water main replacement or repair on Clark Road.
The Township Supervisor's report at the February meeting included discussion of the potential sewer line coming into Superior Township from Salem Township, near Gotfredson Road. Superior Township

ordinances require Township Board approval to permit the sewer to pass through Superior Township. The St. Joseph Mercy Health system wants to expand their farm, which generates food used in the health system. The Dixboro Master Plan will be reviewed. Demetrious Parker is the new director of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Mr. Parker will review the intersection of Plymouth Road and M153/Ford Road, which is often referred to as “sixteen corners”; in the interest of coming up with safety enhancements. A house on Harvest Lane was purchased by Superior Township, which will be rebuilt by Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Burley, a long-time township resident who has conflicted with township ordinances, has died. The final computer server was connected by Nimble, the IT consultant. There have been a few glitches, but these are resolving. Evan Pratt, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner, advised the township about installing rain gardens along MacArthur Blvd. It may be advisable to place a retention pond at Harris and MacArthur. Board of Review member terms were amended to two years. Utility Department staff member Ricky Harding was promoted now that he pass the “S2” certification. The annual audit contract with Pfeffer, Hanniford, Palka, CPA was renewed for another three years. The poverty exemption standard for property tax was amended to permit exemption for taxpayers with higher annual income . Superior Township contributed funds to expand the Weatherbee Woods preserve. The township purchased additional self-contained breathing apparatus for the Fire Department.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

Marion Morris attended the Township Board Meeting on February 18. Marion suggested to Trustee Williams that Supervisor Ken Schwartz discuss the potential sewer line coming into Superior Township from Salem Township with Bill Ford of Ford Motor Company. The line would pass near Ford Motor Company properties, and Mr. Ford could be helpful in resisting this proposed sewer. Marion commented that Ricky Harding of the Utility Department staff is a highly regarded employee, and it was good to see his family present at the Board Meeting where his promotion was approved. Marion also commented that the self-contained breathing apparatus must be available in multiple sizes to fit different face sizes and shapes of fire fighters. Nahid Sanii-Yahyai asked about reports on water quality in Superior Township. This will likely be reviewed at the next township board meeting.

E. Park Steward – no report

F. Safety

There were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

8. Communications

- A. Educational Info: How Playground Behaviors Shape Child Development
- B. Superior Land Preservation Society Building Rental
- C. English Gardens Plymouth Nursery Grand Opening

It was moved by Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Sandi Lopez to receive the Communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business – none

10. New Business

A. 2019 Special Events Sign-Up

Park Commissioners volunteered to help with the following special events scheduled during April through June.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Park Commissioner</u>
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat, April 13	11:00 am	Martha Kern-Boprie Nahid Sanii-Yahyai Bernedia Word Paula Jefferson

			Marion Morris
Backyard Bird Watch	Sat, May 11	10:00 am	Martha Kern-Boprie
Superior Day	Sat, June 8	11:00 am	Nahid Sanii-Yahyai Sandi Lopez Martha Kern-Boprie Paula Jefferson Marion Morris
Kite & Rocket Day	Sat, June 22	11:00 am	Martha Kern-Boprie Terry Lee Lansing Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
Dixboro Farmers Mkt	Fri, May 31	3:00 pm	Terry Lee Lansing
Dixboro Farmers Mkt	Fri, June 28	3:00 pm	Bernedia Word

B. Communication with Township Board of Trustees

Sandi Lopez commented that township board members did not appear well informed about Parks & Recreation activity, and she thought sending a summary memo to the board members could be helpful. Discussion took place about effective methods of communication. Trustee Williams suggested making a presentation at a township board meeting, which would inform both board members and everyone in the audience. Park Commissioners agreed to seek a spot on the March 18 Board of Trustees agenda.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Marion Morris and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to approve payment of the bills totaling \$19,273.38. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Bernedia Word to receive the January 2019 Financial Statements. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Marion Morris commented that the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy (SMLC) has agreed to be the fiduciary for funds to acquire property near Berry and Ford Roads. SMLC will arrange for land clearing and a parking lot.

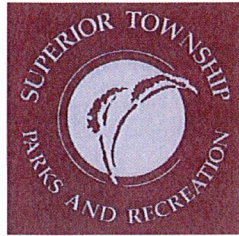
Marion also suggested park commissioners read an article in the Monroe City Parks newsletter on backyard bird watching.

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai asked when the next township newsletter will be published. Juan Bradford responded it will be published in March or April.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Terry Lee Lansing and supported by Marion Morris to adjourn at 7:30 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,
Martha Kern-Boprie, Park Commissioner and Secretary



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**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT
MARCH 25, 2019**

- Board of Trustees Meeting Attendee: Commissioner Lopez
Next Meeting: Monday, April 15, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.
- I will be changing my business card in the near future to reflect my Certified Parks & Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification. This will also be reflected in our National Parks & Recreation Association and Michigan Parks & Recreation memberships.
- Destination Ann Arbor has awarded us three of the four sponsorship grants that we applied for. They will be funding Movies on the Green for \$250.00, Movies in the Park for \$250.00, and Superior Day for \$250.00 for a total of \$750.00
- As you will recall, back in December 2018 I met with Ken Schwartz, Brenda McKinney, And members from Washtenaw County regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding opportunities. At that time, I proposed a new play structure at Fireman's Park along with an ADA accessible sidewalk. I was happy to learn last week that CDBG will in fact be funding the installation of a new play structure this year in the amount of \$30,000.00.
I would like to recommend that we revisit our Improvement/Development Budget for this year and consider installing the ADA sidewalk. I have added it to the agenda as item 10.A. for your discussion.
- I continue to meet regularly with the Dixboro Village Green Board the assist with their special events and Community Tourism Action Plan (CTAP) funds planning. They are very enthusiastic about the opportunities that the new pavilion will provide for events. Supervisor Schwartz will be applying for the CTAP funding for the Dixboro area that would fund projects for the next three years. One of the projects we have requested funding for is Movies on the Green for the next three years in the amount of \$1,000 for 2019, \$1,500 for 2020, and \$1,500 for 2021. I will let you know when we receive any news.
- A great big thanks to English Gardens for putting together a great Grand Opening Celebration and for presenting a \$1,000.00 check to Dixboro Village Green. Dixboro has signed the check over to us and it will be used to sponsor this year's Movies on the Green.
- There is group of developers interested in building a sports complex in the M-14 and Ford Rd. area. No additional news at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Juan Bradford



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GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

ORLENE HAWKS
DIRECTOR

MI PREVENTION Carbon Monoxide Dangers Education

An invisible killer could be lurking in your home. You can't see it or smell it, but it can incapacitate you and your family quickly. This invisible killer is carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide is a poisonous gas that can result from faulty, improperly-used or incorrectly-vented fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, generators, stoves, water heaters, fireplaces, or cars.

Unfortunately, hundreds of people die from CO poisoning every year. This doesn't have to happen. CO deaths are preventable. Follow these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and the State Fire Marshal:

- ✓ Never use a portable generator inside your home, garage, basement, crawlspace, or shed or on your porch. CO can seep into the house through open windows, doors, or any type of vents such as for the dryer, exhaust fans, and even openings into the attic in the roof's overhang.
- ✓ Use a portable generator outside only, and place portable generators at least 20 feet away from your house. Use outdoor-rated, long extension cords to run power into your home.
- ✓ Have your furnace, fireplace, and fuel-burning appliances checked by a qualified professional once every year.
- ✓ Never burn charcoal inside homes or in semi-enclosed areas.
- ✓ Don't leave a car running in the garage.
- ✓ Install CO alarms on every level of your home and outside each separate sleeping area. CO alarms should have a battery backup.
- ✓ Test CO alarms once a month and replace CO alarms if they fail to respond correctly when tested.
- ✓ Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, sleepiness and confusion.

The Michigan State Fire Marshal and MI Prevention want Michiganders to know that if they suspect CO poisoning, or their CO alarm sounds, get outside to fresh air immediately, and then call 911. If you live in an area without access to 911, call your local fire department.

Kymerly Pashkowsky
MI Prevention Program Coordinator
State of Michigan, Bureau of Fire Services
Phone: 616-250-4147
Email: PashkowskyK@michigan.gov
Website: www.michigan.gov/bfs



SUPERIOR TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION 2019 SPECIAL EVENTS



EASTER EGG HUNT

Date & Time: **Saturday April 13th, 11:00a.m. - Noon**

Rain Date: **Saturday April 20th**

Location: **Fireman's Park** Corner of Harris & MacArthur Blvd.

Program: **Easter Egg Hunt, Craft Bags, A special visit from the EASTER BUNNY!**

Snacks: **Candy Provided Cost: FREE**



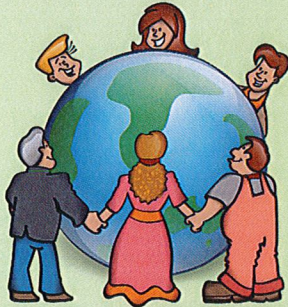
Backyard Bird Watching

Date & Time: **Saturday May 11th @ 10:00a.m.**

Location: **Cherry Hill Nature Preserve** 6255 Cherry Hill Rd.

Program: Presented by the Detroit Audubon Society and is designed for all ages to learn about local birds & how to view them in the wild with binoculars.

Binoculars available for use Cost: **FREE**



Superior Day

Date & Time: **Saturday June 8th, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

Rain Date & Time: **June 15th**

Location: **Oakbrook Park** 8460 Berkshire Dr. east of N. Prospect Rd.

Program: **Township & Recycling Info, Horseback rides, Library info, Games, Sheriff & Fire Dept., Farm Animals, Free Books, Face Painting, & More**

Sponsored in part by English Gardens & Destination Ann Arbor

Lunch: **Provided Cost: FREE**



KITE & ROCKET DAY

Date & Time: **Saturday June 22nd, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

Rain Date & Time: **June 29th, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.**

Location: **Fireman's Park** Corner of Harris & MacArthur Blvd.

Program: **Building & Flying Kites, Air Rocket Launchers**

Lunch: **Provided Cost: FREE**

COME OUT & PLAY! SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

Dates: **Monday, June 24th – Thursday, August 15th**

Days & Times: **Mondays – Thursdays, 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m**

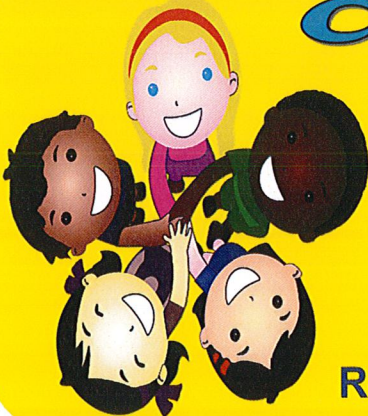
Location: **Christian Love Fellowship, 1601 Stamford Rd.**

Program: **Safe, structured, supervised setting that includes education, games, crafts, fitness, sports, field trips and more**

Breakfast & Lunch: **Provided daily FREE Cost: FREE.**

Register @ **Parks & Recreation Office: 575 E. Clark Rd**

Registration is limited. Call (734) 480-5502 for more info.



MOVIES for the FAMILY

MOVIES ON THE GREEN

Date & Time: Saturday July 13th, Fun @ 8:00p.m., Movie @ 9:30p.m.

Location: Dixboro Village Green 5221 Church Rd. Superior Township

Program: Family event with playground games beginning at 8:00p.m. followed by a current family friendly movie shown on a 20' screen.

Bring your picnic blankets, snacks and coolers (NO ALCOHOL)

Sponsored in part by English Gardens, Destination Ann Arbor & Dixboro Village Green

Cost: FREE



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Date & Time: Saturday August 10th, Fun @ 8:00p.m., Movie @ 9:00p.m.

Location: Oakbrook Park 8460 Berkshire Dr. east of N. Prospect Rd.

Program: Family event with playground games beginning at 8:00p.m. followed by a current family friendly movie shown on a 20' screen.

Bring your picnic blankets, snacks and coolers (NO ALCOHOL)

Sponsored in part by Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office & Destination Ann Arbor

Cost: FREE



Family Kickball Fun Day

Date & Time: Saturday September 14th, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Rain Date & Time: September 21st, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Location: Oakbrook Park 8460 Berkshire Dr. east of N. Prospect Rd.

Program: Kickball, Foot Golf, Games & Crafts

Lunch: Provided Cost: FREE



PUMPKIN CARVING/ARTS & CRAFTS

Date & Time: Saturday October 19th, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Rain Date & Time: October 26th, 11:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Location: Norfolk Park 1815 Norfolk Ave.

Program: Pumpkin Carving and Arts & Crafts

Refreshments: Provided Cost: FREE

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

WITH SANTA CLAUS

Date & Time: Saturday December 7th, 6:00p.m.

Location: Old Township Hall

3040 N. Prospect Rd. Corner of N. Prospect & Cherry Hill

Program: Lighting the Township Christmas Tree, Caroling, Ice Carving Demo, Pictures w/ Santa (bring your camera)

Refreshments: Hot Chocolate & Cookies Cost: FREE



For further information, please call (734) 480-5502 or visit us at:
website:www.superiortownship.org email:superiorparks@superior-twp.org

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EASTER EGG HUNT

With the Easter Bunny!!!



Saturday, April 13, 2019

11:00 a.m. @ Fireman's Park

8795 MacArthur, Superior Twp.

The Easter Egg Hunt is FREE and for children up to age 11.

For more information please contact

Superior Township Parks & Recreation Department

at (734) 480-5502

or visit us at: www.superiortownship.org

Sponsored by:

Superior Township Parks & Recreation



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2019 Special Events / Doxboro Market Attendance Calendar

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COMMISSIONER(S)</u>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	<i>11:00am - Noon</i>	<i>Saturday, April 13th</i>	<u><i>Paula Jefferson</i></u> <u><i>Marion Morris</i></u> <u><i>Martha Kern-Boprie</i></u> <u><i>Nahid Sanii-Yahyai</i></u> <u><i>Bernedia Word</i></u>
<i>Backyard Bird Watching</i>	<i>10:00am - Noon</i>	<i>Saturday, May, 11th</i>	<u><i>Martha Kern-Boprie</i></u>
<i>Superior Day</i>	<i>11:00am - 2:00pm</i>	<i>Saturday, June 8th</i>	<u><i>Paula Jefferson</i></u> <u><i>Marion Morris</i></u> <u><i>Martha Kern- Boprie</i></u> <u><i>Sandi Lopez</i></u> <u><i>Nahid Sanii-Yahyai</i></u>
<i>Kite & Rocket Day</i>	<i>11:00am - 2:00pm</i>	<i>Saturday, June 22nd</i>	<u><i>Matha Kern-Boprie</i></u> <u><i>Terry Lee Lansing</i></u> <u><i>Nahid Sanii-Yahyai</i></u>
<i>Dixboro Farmers Market</i>	<i>3:00pm - 7:00pm</i>	<i>Friday, May 31st</i>	<u><i>Terry Lee Lansing</i></u>
<i>Dixboro Farmers Market</i>	<i>3:00pm - 7:00pm</i>	<i>Friday, June :28th</i>	<u><i>Bernedia Word</i></u>

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Presentation to Township Board March 18, 2019

- 2019 Officers:
 - Chair, Paula Jefferson
 - Vice-Chair, Marion Morris
 - Secretary, Martha Kern-Boprie

- Juan Bradford, P&R Administrator, successfully tested for and received his Parks & Recreation Professional Certification from the National Parks & Recreation Association

- Special Events
 - Have added 4 new special events over last 4 years
 - 2016 Christmas Tree Lighting w/Santa Claus
 - 2017 Bird Watching for Beginners
 - 2018 Movies in the Park
 - 2019 Movies on the Green

- Collaborating with Washtenaw Co. Parks & Recreation for the third year on Summer Playground Program
 - Held at Christian Love Fellowship & Community Park

- Participate monthly in the Dixboro Farmers Market and Dixboro Trunk-or-Treat

- Have made \$131,501.24 in developments & improvements to the Township Park system since 2016.
 - These funds have come from the Parks & Recreation Reserves
 - 2016 - \$24,321.712
Replace fence at Harvest Moon Park
Clear brush and install fencing at Schroeter Park
 - 2017 - \$40,312.63
Safety Improvements
ADA sidewalk at Oakbrook Park
 - 2018 - \$66,866.90
Board Walk Phase #5 at CHNP
Replace play structure at Community park

- Proposed \$30,000 in improvements for 2019



PARKS & RECREATION

575 E. Clark • Ypsilanti, MI 48198

PARK RENTAL FORM

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Renter's Name: Susanne Vocum Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City, State: Ypsilanti, MI.
E-mail: [REDACTED]

Park Requested: Oakbrook Date(s): May 29 - Aug 7

Times: From: 6:00 To: 8:30

*Wednes days only, but not week of July 4th

Event: Sports: soccer, volleyball, softball, flagfootball, frisbe

No. of Participants: ~ 50-75?

Will admission be charged: Yes No If Yes, what amount: \$10/child

Will food and/or beverages be served: Yes No If Yes, how often: _____

Please list any special equipment to be used (lighting, sound system, etc.): * We need a port-a-jon bathroom placed in the park, please.

Cleanup will be completed by: Individual coaches Phone: _____

In partial consideration for the use of Superior Township premises by any person and/or organization, and as a condition thereof, such person or organization or itself and its members, by acceptance of such use, forever releases and holds the Township of Superior harmless from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage. All users MUST adhere to Township noise ordinances, and MUST leave the park in the same condition as originally found, including all pickup and disposal of trash. No bathroom facilities will be provided by the Parks & Recreation Department and is the responsibility of the party renting the park.

I also understand that it is my responsibility to inform the members of the group about these restrictions and will so inform them. I further understand that Superior Township has the right to terminate this contract at any time they deem it necessary in the best interests of the Township.

Cleaning & Security Deposit will be returned ONLY in the event all conditions of this form are met. Additional charges WILL be charged if any damage is found to have happened during the usage of the park.

Charges: Deposit: _____
Rental Fee: _____
Additional Fees: _____ Description: _____
TOTAL FEE: NONE

Renter's Signature: Susanne M. Vocum Date: 3.18.19

Superior Township's Approval: [Signature] Date: 3/19/19



PARKS & RECREATION

575 E. Clark • Ypsilanti, MI 48198

PARK USE RULES

The Charter Township of Superior has agreed to allow township parks to be used for community gatherings. The following rules, effective December 1, 2000, govern the use of this park:

- 1. Signed contracts are due from potential renters before consideration will be given.
2. Office personnel shall review the application for approval. In the event the application is approved, the following distribution will apply:
a. One copy will remain in the Parks and Recreation Rental File.
b. One copy shall be given to the applicant. This copy must be presented in order to enter the facility at the designated time of usage.
c. One copy shall be given to the Superior Township Hall to be held on file.
3. There will be a walk-through of the park before the function and after the function to verify condition of the park.
4. The Sheriff's Department will be notified of the function's location, date and time.
Please Note: Failure to vacate the property at the predetermined, designated time will result in automatic charges beginning at one-quarter hour. Such charges will be at the hourly rate of \$40.00.
5. Cleanup of the park and control of the group's conduct is the sole responsibility of the person and/or group identified on the application.
6. Bathroom facilities will be the sole responsibility of the renter. *We need a part-a-jon for little ones.
7. No alcoholic beverages and/or drugs of any kind are permitted on township property.
8. If the park is requested to be used for money making purposes, or if admission to the facility and/or grounds will be charged, such use MUST be approved in writing by the Parks Commission.
9. The use of any electronic equipment MUST be approved by the Parks Commission.
10. Any misuse of the park, or abuse of the rules will result in a loss of 100% of the deposit. If the cost to repair damages exceeds the deposit, the township will request additional payment. In the event that the additional payment is not received, the township shall seek legal remedy.
11. No person shall engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace, or to disturb or annoy others while on township property.
12. No person shall at any time bring onto township property nor have in their possession, nor discharge, nor setoff anywhere upon township property a firearm, bow, or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance, or any other force (does not apply to officers of the law).
13. Cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Parks Department a minimum of 10 business days prior to the rental date in order to receive a full refund of the security deposit and rental fee.
Cancellations made in less than 10 working days will be subject to a cancellation fee as follows: 50% if between five and 10 working days, or 100% if less than five working days.
14. Any exceptions to these rules must be approved in writing by the Parks Commission.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE RULES FOR THE RENTAL OF TOWNSHIP PARKS

Renter's Signature: Susanne M. Yocum Date: 3.14.19

Superior Township's Approval: [Signature] Date: 3/19/19

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Ann Arbor land conservation program receives \$1 million grant from USDA

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 - 5:16pm



The U.S. Department of Agriculture is awarding The Ann Arbor Greenbelt: Saving Michigan Farms Regional Conservation Partnership Program \$1 million dollars. Buy this photo (<http://store.pub.umich.edu/michigan-daily-buy-this-photo/>)

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CLAIRE HAO ((AUTHOR/CMHAO)

Daily Staff Reporter

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is awarding “The Ann Arbor Greenbelt: Saving Michigan Farms Regional Conservation Partnership Program” \$1 million dollars, according to a Feb. 4 [press release](https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=552) (<https://www.a2gov.org/news/pages/article.aspx?i=552>). The project is led by the City of Ann Arbor Open Space and Parkland Preservation Program, also called the Greenbelt. It aims to protect surrounding Ann Arbor agricultural lands through conservation easements, the right to use someone else’s land for a specified purpose. Greenbelt and its local partners will match the grant, which means a total of \$2 million will go toward preserving farmland in Washtenaw County.

Partners in the project include Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, Scio Township, Ann Arbor Township, Augusta Township, Legacy Land Conservancy, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, The Conservation Fund and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This 2018 fiscal year, the Saving Michigan Farms program is one of 91 projects selected for the Regional Conservation Partnership Program funding by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The USDA [list](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmland/rcpp/) (<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/farmland/rcpp/>) of chosen projects describes ecological and local benefits of the Saving Michigan Farms program. These benefits include protecting food security and local economics, maintaining the agricultural heritage of residents and combating environmental concerns.

According to Jennifer Fike, the [Greenbelt Advisory Commission](http://www.a2gov.org/greenbelt/Pages/AdvisoryCommitteeGreenbelt.aspx) (<http://www.a2gov.org/greenbelt/Pages/AdvisoryCommitteeGreenbelt.aspx>) chair, the USDA grant will amplify the Greenbelt’s land preservation efforts.

“(The grant money) is an awesome way for us to leverage federal dollars to match the amount of money that we put in to protect land in Washtenaw County in the Greenbelt area,” Fike said. “It allows our (tax) dollars to go further to protect more land.”

According to the USDA website, the RCPP funds projects through four types of programs (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/farmbill/rcpp/?cid=nrcseprd1308280>), including from the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Though the Greenbelt has received USDA funding directly from ACEP before, this is the first time Greenbelt has received such funding through the RCPP, Fike explained.

“It could potentially allow us to go after larger parcels of land,” Fike said. “I’m not sure, as (both types of funding) are very similar. It just allows us more funding — one million dollars — whereas ACEP funding is a lot less.”

The Saving Michigan Farms program will preserve agricultural lands by functioning as a Purchase of Development Rights program, a voluntary program for which landowners can apply. Owners of qualified agricultural property (https://www.a2gov.org/greenbelt/Documents/2010_screening_system.pdf) are compensated for accepting a permanent deed restriction through a conservation easement, which prohibits future development on that land. The land remains private property, and the landowner may receive income tax benefits for donating part or all of the value of development rights.

To LSA freshman Noah Clements, who is a student in the Program in the Environment, PDR programs are especially beneficial for their long-term effects.

“Conservation easements, like Greenbelt is doing, are really sustainable, and they keep that land undeveloped for decades to come,” Clements said. “It really is a future-minded project, which is what we need.”

According to the Greenbelt website (<https://www.a2gov.org/greenbelt/Pages/PurchaseofDevelopmentRights.aspx>), PDR programs benefit farmers in a variety of ways, such as rendering farmland more affordable, which helps younger farmers; gives older farmers a way other than selling their land to fund retirement; and assists in the transfer of farmland from generation to generation. Fike echoed these points, expressing that PDR programs can help landowners in their present-day business operations as well.

“Land prices in Washtenaw County can be pretty high,” Fike said. “(It can be) very difficult financially to make a living at (farming). By being able to place land in a conservation easement with us as a partner, that allows (farmers) the financial capability to put the money back into their business and grow food for local markets, such as Ann Arbor Farmers Market, selling to Ann Arbor restaurants, selling directly off their farm.”

The Greenbelt arose out of the 2003 Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage (<http://www.a2gov.org/greenbelt/Pages/ProgramHighlightsGreenbelt.aspx>), a 30-year, 0.5 mil tax levy in response to the worries of suburban sprawl (<http://www.seconddwavemedia.com/concentrate/features/annarborgreenbelt0173.aspx>) in Ann Arbor in the 1990s. More commonly known as the Greenbelt Millage, the measure passed with two-thirds of the vote.

Michael Garfield, director of environmental advocacy group known as the Ecology Center (<https://www.ecocenter.org/>), spearheaded the Greenbelt ballot measure in 2003. Garfield explained the context in which the measure arose, describing rapid development in the 1980s and 1990s.

“Back in the 1980s and ’90s, there was unplanned, unrestrained suburban development in all of southeast Michigan ... quite a distance from the urban center of Detroit,” Garfield said. “There were ginormous (sic) developments in Washtenaw County fairly close to Ann Arbor that were being proposed that would utterly transform the landscape around here ... We were concerned about the loss of natural resources, and loss of good farmland that could be used to build a sustainable food economy.”

Garfield also described unrestrictive development laws, which made control of suburban sprawl difficult.

“Michigan law is among the worst in the country in addressing land use development in a sensible, environmentally-friendly way,” Garfield said. “It’s very hard to put restraints on groups, and Michigan townships have a lot of planning and zoning authority.”

Since its establishment in 2005, the Greenbelt has dedicated one-third of the money (https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2017/07/ann_arbors_greenbelt_program_n.html) generated for city parkland purchases and dedicated the other two-thirds (https://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2017/07/ann_arbors_greenbelt_program_n.html) to

preservation of farmland and open space beyond the city limits.

After the Greenbelt was formed, Garfield served for eight years as the first chair of the Greenbelt Advisory Commission. According to Garfield, funding in his day targeted specific parcels of land, and he expressed his pleasure in seeing the new USDA grant address a more general purpose.

“This is a broader award — that’s wonderful, this is like an endowment,” Garfield said. “When I was actively involved ... you had to have a specific purpose and some land in mind and all the paperwork before receiving federal money.”

Applications for a conservation easement are reviewed both by Greenbelt staff and the Greenbelt Advisory Commission, which is composed of one City Council representative, one farmer, one developer, two environmentalists, one biologist and three at-large community members. In its 13 years, the Greenbelt has leveraged over \$25 million (<http://www.seconddwavemedia.com/concentrate/innovationnews/greenbelt0490.aspx>) and preserved over 5,200 acres (<http://www.seconddwavemedia.com/concentrate/innovationnews/greenbelt0490.aspx>) of farmland and open space surrounding Ann Arbor.

According to Fike, Ann Arbor is one of the few municipalities with a millage to protect land outside of city limits. Fike expressed that this benefits Ann Arbor in a myriad of ways.

“By preserving land throughout Washtenaw County, it protects the Huron River watershed, and that’s a source of drinking water for most Ann Arbor residents,” Fike said. “The more this land is developed, the more that there could be impacts such as runoff and increasing emissions.”

In the 2017 fiscal year, a group of School for Environment and Sustainability graduate students studied the Greenbelt in a project (<https://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/handle/2027.42/143208>) titled “Measuring Impact: Evaluating the Economic, Social, and Ecological Services of the City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program.” The study suggested the program benefits local water quality and food systems as well as maintains the rural character of the area.

In addition, the students surveyed 441 Ann Arbor residents, 81 percent of whom supported using tax dollars for the Greenbelt. Information from the survey also estimated residents were willing to pay a median of \$127 per year per household for the program, which is more than residents actually pay.

Fike expressed appreciation for the overwhelming local support of the Greenbelt.

“I am grateful that Ann Arbor residents had the foresight to vote and approve a millage where much of the funds would protect land outside of the city limits,” Fike said. “It’s a unique program and has done its part to protect over 5,200 acres to date.”

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2019 APPROVED Park Development/Improvement Budget

The 2019 PROPOSED Park Development/Improvement Budget is \$30,000.00

<u>Park</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Cherry Hill Nature Preserve	Boardwalk Extension Phase #6 Final	\$15,000	
Oakbrook/Norfolk Park	Restoration of cleared area between parks	\$10,000	
Various	Tree Planting Program	\$5,000	
Total Spent			\$0.00

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Check Date	Bank	Check #	Invoice	Payee	Description	Account	Dept	Amount
Fund: 508 PARKS & RECREATION								
02/26/2019	GENL	41440	FEBRUARY 2019	SUPERIOR TWP PAYROLL FUND	PENSION /HCSP - FEBRUARY 2019	289.000	000	785.76
02/26/2019	GENL	41442	007902	WALMART COMMUNITY/SYNCB	SHOP SUPPLIES	740.000	755	16.62
02/26/2019	GENL	41444	57961871	WEX BANK	FUEL - FEBRUARY 2019	742.000	755	36.44
03/05/2019	GENL	41456	9626234	HOME DEPOT CREDIT SERVICES	ROCK SALT - SHOP SUPPLIES	740.000	755	107.64
			9626234		ROCK SALT - SHOP SUPPLIES	740.000	755	25.95
					CHECK GENL 41456 TOTAL FOR FU			<u>133.59</u>
03/05/2019	GENL	41460	2019	SAM'S CLUB/SYNCHRONY BANK	2019 MEMBERSHIP	958.000	751	100.00
03/05/2019	GENL	41461	1623071727	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	OFFICE SUPPLIES	740.000	755	247.23
03/05/2019	GENL	41465	3719	SUPERIOR TWP PAYROLL FUND	CASH TRANSFER 3/7/19	289.000	000	5,263.80
03/05/2019	GENL	41466#	2019-003-A	SUPERIOR TWP UTILITY DEPARTMECELL PHONES - FEBRUARY 2019		850.000	751	56.36
			2019-003-A		CELL PHONES - FEBRUARY 2019	850.000	755	32.43
					CHECK GENL 41466 TOTAL FOR FU			<u>88.79</u>
03/12/2019	GENL	41471	JAN/FEB 19	JUAN BRADFORD	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT JAN/FEB 2019	860.000	751	237.22
03/12/2019	GENL	41476	FEB 19	PATRICK PIGOTT	CELL PHONE STIPEND - FEB 2019	850.000	754	32.00
03/19/2019	GENL	41504	31919	SUPERIOR TWP PAYROLL FUND	CASH TRANSFER 3/21/19 PAY	289.000	000	4,502.09
					Total for fund 508 PARKS & RECREATION			<u>11,443.54</u>

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GL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2019		YTD BALANCE 02/28/2019	ACTIVITY FOR MONTH 02/28/19	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BDGT USED	YTD BALANCE 02/28/2018
		ORIGINAL BUDGET	2019 AMENDED BUDGET					

Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION

Revenues								
Dept 000 - REVENUE								
508-000-588.000	GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTION	282,282.00	282,282.00	47,047.00	23,523.50	235,235.00	16.67	43,208.80
508-000-604.000	REIMBURSEMENT FOR LABOR COSTS	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	81.68
508-000-663.000	INTEREST ON RESERVES INCOME	6,000.00	6,000.00	769.53	0.00	5,230.47	12.83	771.00
508-000-673.000	INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS INCOM	200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
508-000-696.000	DONATIONS	500.00	500.00	100.00	100.00	400.00	20.00	0.00
508-000-699.000	APPROPRIATION FROM FUND BALANC	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 000 - REVENUE		319,982.00	319,982.00	47,916.53	23,623.50	272,065.47	14.97	44,061.48

TOTAL REVENUES		319,982.00	319,982.00	47,916.53	23,623.50	272,065.47	14.97	44,061.48
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Expenditures

Dept 751 - PARK & REC. ADMINISTRATION								
508-751-701.000	COMMISSION STIPENDS	8,289.00	8,289.00	637.57	637.57	7,651.43	7.69	619.03
508-751-702.000	SALARIES	42,118.00	42,118.00	5,612.96	2,806.48	36,505.04	13.33	5,953.80
508-751-702.002	CONTROLLER SALARY	0.00	0.00	792.58	427.65	(792.58)	100.00	0.00
508-751-710.000	TRAINING	1,000.00	1,000.00	645.80	645.80	354.20	64.58	753.36
508-751-727.000	OFFICE SUPPLIES	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	87.30
508-751-728.000	POSTAGE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
508-751-800.010	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - AUDIT	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
508-751-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - OTHER	2,200.00	2,200.00	2,026.14	1,585.30	173.86	92.10	5.00
508-751-850.000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1,200.00	1,200.00	192.18	(42.94)	1,007.82	16.02	156.95
508-751-851.000	INSURANCE & BONDS	7,725.00	7,725.00	1,509.86	754.95	6,215.14	19.55	1,371.87
508-751-860.000	TRANSPORTATION	1,100.00	1,100.00	237.22	237.22	862.78	21.57	211.59
508-751-900.000	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	78.48
508-751-930.000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
508-751-945.000	OFFICE RENT	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
508-751-958.000	MEMBERSHIPS & DUES	650.00	650.00	440.00	100.00	210.00	67.69	430.00
508-751-963.000	BANK FEES & CHARGES	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	10.47
508-751-981.000	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	1,000.00	1,000.00	711.71	711.71	288.29	71.17	0.00
Total Dept 751 - PARK & REC. ADMINISTRATION		74,582.00	74,582.00	12,806.02	7,863.74	61,775.98	17.17	9,677.85

TOTAL DEPT 751 - PARK & REC. ADMINISTRATION		74,582.00	74,582.00	12,806.02	7,863.74	61,775.98	17.17	9,677.85
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Dept 754 - RECREATION

508-754-702.000	SALARIES	10,341.00	10,341.00	253.63	111.60	10,087.37	2.45	0.00
508-754-710.000	TRAINING	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
508-754-740.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	5,500.00	5,500.00	45.72	0.00	5,454.28	0.83	0.00
508-754-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - OTHER	0.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	(5.00)	100.00	0.00
508-754-850.000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	400.00	400.00	32.00	32.00	368.00	8.00	64.00
508-754-860.000	TRANSPORTATION	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
508-754-930.000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
508-754-975.000	SIGNAGE	600.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 754 - RECREATION		17,941.00	17,941.00	336.35	148.60	17,604.65	1.87	64.00

TOTAL DEPT 754 - RECREATION		17,941.00	17,941.00	336.35	148.60	17,604.65	1.87	64.00
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Dept 755 - PARK MAINTENANCE

508-755-702.000	SALARIES	112,998.00	112,998.00	9,831.60	4,939.60	103,166.40	8.70	9,520.08
508-755-710.000	TRAINING	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-717.000	TAXABLE BENEFITS	1,900.00	1,900.00	3,984.79	0.00	(2,084.79)	209.73	1,820.56
508-755-740.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	3,500.00	3,500.00	684.14	527.98	2,815.86	19.55	280.94
508-755-740.003	HERBICIDE (NON-SELECTIVE)	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00

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		ORIGINAL BUDGET	2019 AMENDED BUDGET					
Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION								
Expenditures								
508-755-740.004	SAND-GRAVEL-BARK-SOIL	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-741.000	UNIFORMS	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-742.000	FUEL-LUBRICANTS	5,000.00	5,000.00	92.16	36.44	4,907.84	1.84	233.04
508-755-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - OTHER	0.00	0.00	108.70	59.30	(108.70)	100.00	0.00
508-755-850.000	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	500.00	500.00	64.88	32.43	435.12	12.98	65.18
508-755-860.000	TRANSPORTATION	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-920.000	UTILITIES	850.00	850.00	56.09	0.00	793.91	6.60	54.28
508-755-930.000	REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10,500.00	10,500.00	214.79	202.43	10,285.21	2.05	258.57
508-755-930.001	CONTROLLED BURNS	3,800.00	3,800.00	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-975.000	SIGNAGE	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-980.000	EQUIPMENT OVER \$5,000	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
508-755-981.000	EQUIPMENT UNDER \$5,000	2,500.00	2,500.00	44.99	44.99	2,455.01	1.80	0.00
Total Dept 755 - PARK MAINTENANCE		170,248.00	170,248.00	15,082.14	5,843.17	155,165.86	8.86	12,232.65
Dept 756 - PARK DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT								
508-756-951.000	PROJECTS	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Dept 756 - PARK DEVELOPMENT/IMPROVEMENT		30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	0.00	0.00
Dept 966 - UNALLOCATED EXPENSES								
508-966-715.000	FICA	13,475.00	13,475.00	1,615.19	682.64	11,859.81	11.99	1,370.20
508-966-858.000	PENSION	13,736.00	13,736.00	1,968.30	785.76	11,767.70	14.33	1,608.54
Total Dept 966 - UNALLOCATED EXPENSES		27,211.00	27,211.00	3,583.49	1,468.40	23,627.51	13.17	2,978.74
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		319,982.00	319,982.00	31,808.00	15,323.91	288,174.00	9.94	24,953.24
Fund 508 - PARKS & RECREATION:								
TOTAL REVENUES		319,982.00	319,982.00	47,916.53	23,623.50	272,065.47	14.97	44,061.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		319,982.00	319,982.00	31,808.00	15,323.91	288,174.00	9.94	24,953.24
NET OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES		0.00	0.00	16,108.53	8,299.59	(16,108.53)	100.00	19,108.24