

Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
May 27, 2025

Adopted Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai

2. Roll Call

Park Commissioners present: Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Greg Vessels, Martha Kern-Boprie, Matthew Yahyai, Curtis Freeman, Jack Smiley

Park Commissioners absent: Sharon Bryant-Phillips

Others present: Trustee Sarah Devereaux; Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Director; Steven Albert; Brenda Baker; Bill Secrest

3. Flag Salute

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

4. Agenda Approval

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Curtis Freeman to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. April 28, 2025

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025, meeting with correction of a spelling error in Old Business D. Vreeland Property Committee Update. The first word in the second sentence currently reads "Tow". It should be spelled "Two" so that the sentence reads "Two public presentations..." The motion carried.

6. Citizens Participation

There was none.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai reported she attended the May 19 Township Board meeting. She also attended the Bird Watching event. Attendance at the bird watching event was lower this year, but the participants were enthusiastic. She volunteered at the Roadside Clean-up and attended the "Success by Six" event at Fireman's Park. "Success by Six" was a well-run, positive event.

B. Director

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He added to this that his staff assisted with the roadside clean-up, picking up some of the full trash bags. He noted that discarded items (furniture, mattresses, etc.) were found on the roadside near Arbor Woods mobile home park, and his staff had to pick them up. These may have been items left after an eviction. A portable toilet will be installed in Firemans Park next week. It will remain there through September, for use by the many people who use this park in warm weather. Juan is still recruiting seasonal staff. Candidates must be at least 18 years old. Juan introduced Steve Albert, a resident who is interested in creating a disc golf course in a township park. Steve provided a brief description of how Disc Golf is played. Steve and Juan found that Community Park who be best suited for a disc golf course. A map of Community Park with the outlines of a potential disc golf course drawn on it was distributed to park commissioners. Juan also

reported that he met with the Township Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor and Jae Gerhart of Trinity Health about the potential of using some natural areas on hospital property for recreational purposes in the future.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Sarah Devereaux submitted a written report, which she reviewed in detail with park commissioners. The report included information on progress toward updating the township personnel manual, conducting Job Analyses, criteria for evaluating the Hiring Freeze, potential service agreement with Woodhill Group for financial management, rental housing certification program, TAZ Networks computer consultation agreement.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai reported that she attended the township board meeting on May 19, and concurred with Trustee Devereaux's report.

E. Park Steward

No report.

F. Safety

Juan Bradford reported there have been no accidents or injuries in the past month.

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Matthew Yahyai to receive the reports. The motion carried.

8. Communications

A. Dixboro Summer Days Series flyer

It was moved by Jack Smiley and supported by Matthew Yahyai to receive the communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. Vreeland Property & Open House Update

Jack Smiley reported on the two open houses held to inform the public about details of the Vreeland Property, and to seek input from the public about uses of this property and any facilities desired on the property. The open house dates and locations were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Approximate Attendance</u>
May 20	Township Hall	45 people
May 22	Ypsilanti District Library Harris Road branch	25 people

The open houses were facilitated by Commissioner Jack Smiley and Trustee Sarah Devereaux. Sarah prepared and distributed a summary of comments given by open house attendees.

10. New Business

A. Superior Day Event Volunteers

Superior Day is scheduled on Saturday, June 14 in Oakbrook Park from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Volunteers should arrive by 10:30 am. The following park commissioners volunteered to help with this event:

Martha Kern-Boprie
Curtis Freeman
Greg Vessels

B. Parks & Recreation Branding and Apparel

Juan Bradford asked park commissioners to consider the merits of creating and using logos to establish a brand for Superior Township Parks & Recreation events and facilities.

Martha Kern-Boprie commented that she is not supportive of this. It would take time and energy away from our mission of good park development and maintenance and conducting quality recreation events.

Greg Vessels said he could see merit in the concept, but suggested using the township logo.

Trustee Sarah Devereaux noted that we should begin with communication infrastructure before designing logos. She saw merit in improving our outreach.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Curtis Freeman to approve payment of the bills totaling \$77,343.14 at 5/27/25. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

A. April 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to receive the April 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Jack Smiley suggested paying individuals stipends to lead recreation events, rather than paying park staff to do this work.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Matthew Yahyai and supported by Jack Smiley to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,
Martha Kern-Boprie
Park Commissioner and Secretary