

Superior Charter Township Park Commission  
Regular Meeting  
September 22, 2025

Proposed Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Park Commissioners present: Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Greg Vessels, Martha Kern-Boprie, Matthew Yahyai, Jack Smiley, Sharon Bryant-Phillips

Park Commissioners absent: Curtis Freeman (excused)

Others present: Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Director; Steven Peach. Brenda Baker, Trustee Dana Greene

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 Matthew Yahyai and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the agenda with the addition under Prior Meeting Minutes Approval of item B. September 15, 2025, Special Meeting. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Matthew Yahyai to approve the minutes of the 8/25/2025 meeting as drafted. The motion carried.

B. September 15, 2025, Special Meeting

It was moved by Jack Smiley and supported by Sharon Bryant-Phillips to approve the minutes of the 9/15/2025 meeting as drafted. The motion carried.

6. Citizens Participation

There was none.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai reported that four park commissioners: herself, Matthew Yahyai, Curtis Freeman and Martha Kern-Boprie staffed the Park Commission table at the "Live-Here-Now" event in Fireman's Park on September 13. The event was good with entertainment and free food. There were a few difficulties with an attendee that law enforcement could have helped with.

B. Director

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. The new zero-turn mower was delivered on September 18.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Greene arrived late, and gave his report during Pleas and Petitions.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

Martha Kern-Boprie attended the 9/15/25 Township Board meeting, along with four other park commissioners. Two firefighters were promoted to Lieutenant. The updated township Personnel Manual was approved. The Development Agreement for Prospect Pointe West Phase 3 was approved, over the objection of Jack Smiley. Jack requested four lots on the east side of the development be kept unbuilt to permit a nature path connecting the greenbelts in this part of Superior Township.

E. Park Steward

Juan Bradford spoke with Ellen Kurath twice in the past month. She is busy with planting and cultivating native plants in the nature preserves.

F. Safety

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

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Greg Vessels to receive the reports. The motion carried.

8. Communications

A. Committee to Promote Superior Township: September Highlights Infographic

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Matthew Yahyai to receive the communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. Firemans Park Final Pay Application

Juan explained the was the final payment to the contractor for the improvements in Firemans Park. The payment was released upon the contractor providing 100 pounds of grass seed to take care of lawn gaps. No park commission action was needed.

B. Community Farm and BirdSong Farming Agreements 2025 – 2030

The committee presented two draft agreements, one for BirdSong Nature Preserve and the other for Community Farm.

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the farming agreement between Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission (STPRC) and Steven Peach (Mr. Peach) for use of 95 acres of real property, of which 75 acres are tillable, located in Section 20 in Superior Charter Township referred to as the southern half of BirdSong Nature Preserve (the Premises) for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. In the first sentence of Section 9 of the agreement, delete the words “or hunters” from the sentence.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai	Yes
Greg Vessels	Yes
Martha Kern-Boprie	Yes
Jack Smiley	Yes
Mathew Yahyai	Yes
Sharon Bryant-Phillips	Yes
Curtis Freeman	Absent

The motion carried.

It was moved by Jack Smiley and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to approve the farming agreement between Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission (STPRC) and Steven Peach (Mr. Peach) for use of 141 acres of real property, of which 119 acres are tillable, located in Section 29 of Superior Township referred to as Superior Township Community Farm (the Premises) for the period of

January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028. In the first sentence of Section 9 of the agreement, delete the words “or hunters” from the sentence.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai	Yes
Greg Vessels	Yes
Martha Kern-Boprie	Yes
Jack Smiley	Yes
Sharon Bryant-Phillips	Yes
Matthew Yahyai	Yes
Curtis Freeman	Absent

The motion carried.

C. 2026 Budget Preparation

Commissioners are urged to send comments and suggestions for the 2026 budget to Juan Bradford by September 30. The Township Board work session on the budget is scheduled on October 9.

10. New Business

A. Forest Forensics event October 4 in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve 1:00 – 2:30 pm  
Martha Kern-Boprie volunteered to help with this event.

B. Pumpkin Carving Event October 25 in Norfolk Park 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Volunteers

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai	Jack Smiley	Sharon Bryan-Phillips
Matthew Yahyai	Greg Vessels	

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to approve payment of the bills totaling \$49,642.42 at 9/22/2025. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statement

A. August 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report

It was moved by Sharon Bryant-Phillips and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to receive the August 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Report. Questions were asked about some account numbers that appeared more than once, some with budget but no expense and the others with expense but no budget. Juan explained that the controller was correcting some line numbers and working through these issues. The issues are likely to be resolved with next month’s report. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Trustee Dana Greene gave the Board Liaison report at this time. He responded to Jack Smiley’s concern that the four lots in Prospect Pointe West, Phase 3 were not removed to allow placement of the nature trail there, by saying the objection was raised too late in the planning process.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Matthew Yahyai and supported by Sharon Bryant-Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Martha Kern-Boprie  
Park Commissioner and Secretary