

Superior Charter Township Park Commission
Regular Meeting
December 15, 2025

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai at 6:03 pm.
2. Roll Call
Park Commissioners present: Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Greg Vessels, Martha Kern-Boprie, Curtis Freeman, Matthew Yahyai, Jack Smiley, Sharon Bryant-Phillips

Park Commissioners absent: none

Others present: Juan Bradford, Park & Recreation Director; Rick Barber, park maintenance staff
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 Nahid Sanii-Yahyai and supported by Matthew Yahyai to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried.
5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
 - A. November 24, 2025
It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Matthew Yahyai to approve the minutes of 11/24/2025 as drafted. Jack Smiley requested the following corrections to the minutes.
In Old Business A. at the end of the first sentence replace "BirdSong" with "Cherry Hill Nature Preserve". In the third sentence replace the word "will" with "may" and after the word "protocols" add the words "in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve and BirdSong".
In New Business F. in the first sentence after the words "two cherry trees" delete ", two oak trees".
The minutes were approved with the corrections detailed above.
6. Citizen Participation
There was none.
7. Reports
 - A. Chairperson
Nahid Sanii-Yahyai reported that she and most of the park commissioners participated in the Tree Lighting event on December 6. It was successful with many residents attending. She complimented park staff on great set-up and operation of the event. She also attended the Dixboro Tree Lighting event a week later on December 13. It was also successful but very cold outside.
 - B. Director
Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He also acknowledged the township Tree Lighting event went well. The Dixboro Tree Lighting event had about 700 attendees. It was very cold, but the big tent was helpful and many of the vendors were successful.
Dixboro Schoolhouse improvements of the well connection and bathroom installation will start in January 2026.
 - C. Board Liaison

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No report as the township board has not met since November 24, and the township board is holding a public hearing tonight at the same time as the Park Commission meeting. Nahid Sani-Yahyai commented that she read the township board packet, and saw correspondence in it from residents about pesticide run-off. An email from the Township Supervisor to Juan Bradford, sent in response to his request for calculations on the Park Fund budget allocation, said the budget should be enough.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

No report, as the township board has not met since November 24. The Township Board will meet tonight at 7:00 pm, and Martha Kern-Boprie is the Board Attendee for that meeting.

E. Park Steward

No report.

F. Safety

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. Communication

A. Committee to Promote Superior Township: December Highlights Infographic

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Curtis Freeman to receive the Communications. The motion carried.

9. Old Business

A. BirdSong Nature Preserve Update

No significant update. Some discussion between Jack Smiley and Juan Bradford about easements and costs.

10. New Business

A. 2026 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Nahid Sani-Yahyai to approve the 2026 schedule of Park Commission meetings as:

Monday	January 26, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	February 23, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	March 23, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	April 27, 2026	6:30 pm
Tuesday	May 26, 2026	6:30 pm meeting held on Tuesday due to Memorial Day
Monday	June 22, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	July 27, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	August 24, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	September 28, 2028	6:30 pm
Monday	October 26, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	November 23, 2026	6:30 pm
Monday	December 21, 2026	6:00 pm meeting held on third Monday at 6:00 pm

due to Christmas holiday and Twp Board meeting

The motion carried.

B. 2026 Board of Trustees – Board Attendee Schedule

Park Commissioners volunteered to attend the following Township Board meetings and report back to the Park Commission.

<u>Township Board Meeting</u>	<u>Park Commissioner attendee</u>
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January 20, 2026	Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
February 17, 2026	Martha Kern-Boprie
March 16, 2026	Greg Vessels
April 20, 2026	Sharon Bryant-Phillips
May 18, 2026	Jack Smiley
June 15, 2026	Curtis Freeman
July 20, 2026	Curtis Freeman
August 17, 2026	Sharon Bryant-Phillips
September 21, 2026	Martha Kern-Boprie
October 19, 2026	Jack Smiley
November 16, 2026	Nahid Sanii-Yahyai
December 21, 2026	Matthew Yahyai

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Greg Vessels to approve the schedule of Board Meeting Attendees. The motion carried.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Curtis Freeman to approve payment of the bills totaling \$27,657.74 at 12/15/2025. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

- A. November 2025 Revenue & Expenditure Report
- B. November 2025 Balance Sheet

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Sharon Bryant-Phillips to receive the November 2025 financial statements. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

Greg Vessels stated that he attended a Trinity Health clearing of invasive plants on its property earlier in December. He was concerned by the use of pesticide during this event. He would like to clear invasive plants from township properties.

Sharon Bryant-Phillips promoted fundraising to cover the cost of recreation, given the budget reductions the Park Department faces. Discussion took place among park commissioners about positive and negative aspects of using fundraising to cover governmental expenses. Included in the discussion was the concepts of seeking event sponsors and of reducing commissioner stipends to free up budget for park and recreation expenses. Commissioners and Juan Bradford noted a dedicated discussion of this issue should take place, possibly in January.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Greg Vessels and supported by Sharon Bryant-Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,
Martha Kern-Boprie
Park Commissioner and Secretary