

Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 27, 2026

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai at 6:32 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

Park Commissioners absent: Greg Vessels

Others present: Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Director; Willy Secrest, Brenda Baker

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 Curtis Freeman and supported by Matthew Yahyai to approve the agenda as drafted. The motion carried.

5. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval

A. March 23, 2026

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Matthew Yahyai to approve the minutes of March 23, 2026, as drafted. Jack Smiley requested corrections to the text in New Business Item C. In the second sentence of the first paragraph, insert the words "for the closing" after the words "title company" so that the sentence reads "...into an escrow account with the title company for the closing." In the third and final sentence of the first paragraph delete the words "escrow deposit" after the words "release the \$102,000.00" so the sentence reads "...the MDNR will release the \$102,000.00 back to Superior Township." These changes were acceptable to the maker and supporter of the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved with the noted changes.

6. Citizen Participation

Willy Secrest informed the Park Commission he is preparing the obituary for Ellen Kurath covering the 61 years she lived in Superior Township. Ellen's brother prepared the portion of her obituary covering the years before she moved to Superior Township.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai reported she attended the Superior SPOT meeting on March 28 in Fireman's Park after the Easter Egg Hunt. SPOT is a gathering about community events. Not many people attended on March 28. She attended a meeting at Moonwinks Café in Dixboro along with State Representative Jason Morgan and Township Supervisor Emily Dabish-Yahkind. She also attended the Township Board meeting on April 20.

B. Director's Report

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He added to it news that Blue Sky Tennis had eight children walk over from Sycamore Meadows to Community Park and enroll in the free tennis lessons provided on Sunday, April 26. Blue Sky Tennis also participated in Kite and Rocket Day, providing a temporary tennis net, rackets and balls and many children had fun playing tennis.

- C. Board Liaison  
No report.
  
- D. Board Meeting Attendee  
Sharon Bryant-Phillips was scheduled to attend the April 20 Township Board meeting, but did not attend. Martha Kern-Boprie and Nahid Sanii-Yahyai did attend the meeting. Martha reported that two firefighters were hired, the new fire chief was confirmed and two employees in the Utility Department were hired. Contracts were approved for grass cutting of township properties, both lawns abutting the non-motorized paths and other municipal properties. A "Transient and Amusement Enterprise" permit was approved for the Willow Run Acres farm stand, with the condition that all produce sold must come from external suppliers until soil testing is complete, and confirmed safe to grow produce for human consumption. Soil testing agreements were approved. She also reported that she sent a memo to the Township Board informing that board of the Park Commission's action to authorize taking the \$102,000.00 deposit on purchase of 162 acres of the Birdsong Preserve from the Park Fund Balance, which will be reimbursed to the township by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources after closing. The Township Board accepted the memo as a communication, but did not take any action on the memo's request. Martha spoke during Pleas and Petitions to ask what the status was of the Township Board's position on this endeavor. Township Supervisor Emily Dabish-Yahkind replied discussions and review by the township's legal counsel and Juan Bradford were underway, and she expected resolution would occur within a few months.
  
- E. Park Steward – No report. Juan Bradford will reach out to someone that may be interested in serving as Park Steward. Martha Kern-Boprie asked that the person attend a Park Commission meeting to introduce themselves and tell the commission why they are interested in serving.
  
- F. Safety  
Juan Bradford reported there were no accidents or injuries in the past month.

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

- 8. Communications
  - A. May 2026 Full Moon Forest Immersion
  - B. C2PST April 2026 Infographic
  - C. Blue Sky Tennis: Try Tennis Program
  - D. Oakbrook Sports
  - E. Dixboro Digest

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Matthew Yahyai to receive the communications. During discussion, Nahid Sanii-Yahyai asked that in the future, the full name of a communication be listed in the agenda, rather than an abbreviation such as C2PST. The motion carried.

- 9. Old Business
  - A. Birdsong Nature Preserve Update  
Jack Smiley reported that signatures and approval action by the City of Ann Arbor are needed before closing can take place. The City of Ann Arbor will meet in May on this issue. A letter from the National Fish and Wildlife Service was issued in February, but later amended. This may impact the closing date.
  
  - B. Roadside Clean-up Day: new date  
The Roadside Clean-up Day has been rescheduled to Saturday May 9 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Check-in and the lunch will be held at the township hall.

C. Disc Golf Course (Squatch Creek)

The Disc Golf Course is nearly complete, thanks to the many hours contributed by volunteer Steve Albert. It will be a 9 hole course. The completed course with all equipment installed will probably be ready by mid-June. Juan Bradford informed the park commission that a grant of \$7,500.00 from Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors (GMAR) was awarded to help fund the disc golf course. Steve Albert has suggested naming the disc golf course "Squatch" which is a shortened form of Sasquatch. Sharon Bryant-Phillips suggested naming the course "Sasquatch".

10. New Business

A. Bird Watching for Beginners on May 9: Volunteers

The Bird Watching for Beginners event is scheduled on May 9 in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP). This is the same day as the Roadside Clean-up. One park commission volunteer would be helpful to get the Bird Watching event started. This volunteer should be at CHNP by 9:30 am. Once the group starts walking with the leader, the park commission volunteer could leave and go to township hall to help with the Roadside Clean-up. None of the park commissioners volunteered.

B. 2028-2032 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan Proposal

The 2028-2032 Parks, Recreation & Open Space Master Plan for 2028 – 2032 will be prepared in 2027. A proposal for professional services in developing the 2028-2032 plan was submitted by Carlisle-Wortman Associates. The proposal contains a detailed timeline and project cost of \$22,120.00. A consensus of the Park Commissioners was to defer detailed discussion of this project and proposal to later in 2026. Jack Smiley noted that he thought the Township Board should absorb at least some of the cost.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Curtis Freeman to approve payment of the bills totaling \$40,241.55 through April 27, 2026. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

A. March 2026 Revenue & Expenditure Report PRE-AUDIT

B. March 2026 Balance Sheet PRE-AUDIT

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Sharon Bryant-Phillips to receive the March 2026 financial reports. The motion carried.

13. Pleas and Petitions

There were none.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Matthew Yahyai and supported by Curtis Freeman to adjourn at 7:10 pm. The motion carried.

Submitted by,  
Martha Kern-Boprie  
Park Commissioner and Secretary