

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

Approved 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, Martha Kern-Boprie, Sharon Bryant-Phillips, Jack Smiley, Curtis Freeman, Matthew Yahyai

Park Commissioners absent: Greg Vessels

Others present: Juan Bradford, Parks & Recreation Director

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. June 22, 2026

It was moved by Matthew Yahyai and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to approve the minutes of 6/22/2026 with the following spelling corrections:

4. Agenda Approval correct "Curis" to "Curtis"

9. Old Business correct "Emiley" to "Emily"

10. New Business B. delete "park" and replace with "Disc Golf Course"

10. New Business D. correct "Curits" to "Curtis"

The motion carried.

6. Citizen Participation

There was none.

7. Reports

A. Chairperson

Chair Nahid Sanii-Yahyai reported the Movie Night on July 18 in the Dixboro Green was cancelled due to the hazardous air conditions. She attended the Township Board meeting on July 20 because Curtis Freeman had a schedule conflict and contacted her. The Township Board meeting only lasted 30 minutes. A delay was encountered in completing real estate closing on the BirdSong preserve property. Township legal counsel is working on resolving the issues, and closing is expected in the near future.

Jack Smiley mentioned he encouraged a rezoning for the Eyde property that abuts the community farm property on Vreeland road.

Nahid also reported that the soil testing on the Willow Run Acres property is complete, and results have arrived. Generally the soil condition is good. There is some concern about soil in the raised beds.

B. Director

Juan Bradford submitted a written report. He added to that report an update about the cancelled Movie Night on July 18. Because the Air Quality Index (AQI) was so poor, the township will receive a free movie screening at a future date, probably next year. Juan noted that updates on the documentation for the Fish & Wildlife funded grants have been made. Juan also informed the commission that a resident of the township who is involved with a non-profit named "Milton's Place" in Novi, contacted him about a back-to-school backpack give-a-way in Fireman's Park. Juan informed the resident that we already have two back-to-school backpack give-a-way events planned in Fireman's Park. Juan and the resident decided to conduct the backpack give-a-way at the Movie Night in Oakbrook Park on August 8. The resident has 70 backpacks to distribute to children.

C. Board Liaison

Trustee Sarah Devereaux reported on the July 20 Township Board meeting. An agreement was made with Ypsilanti Township to place a moratorium on use of Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) water for data center use. The agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel, and is defensible. She also reported that TAZ Networks will upgrade the township computer servers.

D. Board Meeting Attendee

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai gave this report in her Chairperson report.

E. Park Steward

Mike Soloman reported some large tree limbs fell in Cherry Hill Nature Preserve (CHNP) that obstructed walking trails and a boardwalk. The limbs were too large for park staff to remove, so a company named "Inspire Tree Care" was retained to remove the limbs. A number of mushrooms are growing in CHNP. The mushrooms are poisonous.

F. Safety

Juan reported a maintenance staff member has been off work for six weeks for health reasons. Very recently this employee reported he was injured at work. Juan will meet with the employee and have all documentation completed to report a workers compensation claim.

Juan also informed the park commission that Marco the maintenance supervisor informed Juan that he will seek a full time position elsewhere, and will begin his employment search in September.

Martha Kern-Boprie asked Juan if the safety precautions taken during the poor air quality days worked for the park maintenance staff. Juan responded yes, there were no health consequences. All staff received an N-95 mask, staff that requested them were provided respirators. During the worst days, staff primarily work indoors most of the days.

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

8. Communications

A. Loonlight Theater at Dixboro Village Green: August 6-9

B. Blue Sky Tennis @ Community Park

C. YMCA Kids Healthy Day: Saturday August 29th

D. Summer Full Moon Forest Therapy

E. Committee To Promote Superior Township: July 2026 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

As noted in the Director's report, documentation to complete the closing is expected soon. Farm fields to be restored with wildflower seeds in 2026 were detailed on a map.

B. Disc Golf Course Update

A map of the Superior Hollow disc golf course was provided. Completion of the course is expected by mid August.

10. New Business

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and supported by Curtis Freeman to amend the agenda by adding Item C Resolution Declaring July 2026 as Park and Recreation Month in Charter Township of Superior. The motion carried.

A. Movies in the Park Volunteers: August 8 Oakbrook Park 8:00 pm

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Matthew Yahyai and Sharon Bryant-Phillips volunteered to help with this event.

B. Bug Hunt Volunteers: August 22 Cherry Hill Nature Preserve 11:00 am

Nahid Sanii-Yahyai, Matthew Yahyai, Jack Smiley volunteered.

C. Resolution Declaring July 2026 as Park and Recreation Month in Charter Township of Superior

It was moved by Martha Kern-Boprie and Supported by Curtis Freeman to approve the Resolution Declaring July 2026 as Park and Recreation Month in Charter Township of Superior

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Charter Township of Superior; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for play, walking & hiking trails, picnic, outdoor fitness, and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS nationally, parks and recreation is a leading provider of healthy meals, nutrition services and education; and

WHEREAS park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth activities, and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an essential and adaptable infrastructure that makes our communities resilient in the face of natural disasters and climate change; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS the Charter Township of Superior recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Parks & Recreation Commission that July 2026 is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Charter Township of Superior.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

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

The resolution was approved.

11. Bills for Payment

It was moved by Curtis Freeman and supported by Martha Kern-Boprie to approve payment of the bills totaling \$33,801.16 through July 27, 2026. The motion carried.

12. Financial Statements

- A. June 2026 Revenue & Expenditure Report pre-audit
- B. June 2026 Balance Sheet pre-audit

It was moved by Matthew Yahyai and supported by Curtis Freeman to receive the June 2026 Revenue & Expenditure Report pre-audit and the June 2026 Balance Sheet pre-audit. The motion carried.

C. Home Depot Credit

Juan Bradford explained to the park commission that Home Depot gives a credit to Superior Township because it purchases so much. These purchases were made by the Park, Fire and Utility Departments. Because the Park Department is the largest purchaser, the credit is recorded entirely to the Park Department by Home Depot. The entire 2025 credit was \$141.68. That total was comprised of:

Fire Dept	\$ 57.47
Parks Dept	\$ 65.88
Utility Dept	<u>\$ 18.33</u>
	\$141.68

The Park fund transferred \$57.47 to the Fire fund and \$18.33 to the Utility fund.

13. Pleas and Petitions

There were none.

14. Adjournment

It was moved by Matthew Yahyai and supported by Sharon Bryant-Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm. The motion carried.

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

Approved by the Superior Charter Township Parks & Recreation Commission on August 24, 2026