



Recreation Commission Minutes

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Hindelang at 7:01pm

Roll Call

Present: Chad Craig – Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Hindelang Chair, James Ceuninck, Patrick Gleason, Howard Bouton, Paul Spratt, Terry Ayrault, Paul O'Donnell and Roger Basse

Also Present: Patrick Gleason-Council Liaison

Absent: Mike Bannon, Larry Haggart

Approval of October 8th 2025, meeting minutes

Public Comment

- No public comments

Officer Selection

Chair – Michael Hindelang

Vice Chair -Paul Sprat

Secretary – James Ceuninck

OHM 5-Year Recreation Plan Update

OHM gave a high-level presentation about their nine objectives over five phases.

This presentation did not dive into any results and did not show any progress for the initial kick off meeting in October. Project phases were reviewed with a general timeline, but no firm timing was shared. A vision meeting will be scheduled for January 20, 2026, for further discussion.

The commission requested: 1 - Project timeline with dates 2. Results of Phase two (inventory and needs assessment)

Director's Report

- Project Play Southeast Michigan: Chad working with organization to discuss potential programming that would qualify for grant funding opportunities for youth programming. Chad will submit sample programming to see if they qualify for funding assistance.
- Winter Programming: Rec and competitive Drop-in Volleyball, 30+ drop-in Basketball, Adult Cornhole and pickleball, youth yoga, youth karate, mat palates, functional strength. Upcoming animal show at the Tompkins Community center over the Midwinter break 2-18-26 (2-3pm)
- Chilly Fest 2026: February 28th, 2026 – will take place on Kercheval, Charlevoix and Mack, starting at 6pm
- Lavins Center Custodial Support Staff: Two new employees have been hired; with this staffing we should have bandwidth to complete some deep cleaning projects. They will be cleaning 7 days a week to bring up building aesthetics.
- Tompkins Community Center Rentals: December was a busy month for rentals, revenue for December was higher than most months.
- West Seawall Repair: City Council approved the repair proposal from E.C. Korneffel. Repairs will be completed before the Marnia opens. The start date has yet to be confirmed, but repairs should take less than a month to complete.
- Open Wells: Currently there were six open wells, Marina supervisor Fraser is working to fill these for the 2026 season.
- Ice Rink: On days the ice rink is open the park will close at 8pm.
- Meadow Update: Updated presentation shown to commission, with the request that we approve the initial stages of the meadow proposal. Unfortunately, this had not been sent to the commission prior to this meeting. No vote held, this will be up for vote in next meeting. Presentation will be shared with the commission after the meeting.

Unfinished Business: Meeting Dates 2026

2/11 – OHM meeting

3/11 – *This meeting is placeholder, decision will be made in 2/11 meeting*

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8/12

10/14

12/2 Meeting location is TBD as we may need to hold this in the Tompkins Center

New Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm