

A Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Events Board was held at City Hall, 200 S Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI on June 17, 2025.

Board Vice Chair McNutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Present were Board Members Ash, Wixson, McNutt, McCuen, Sebastian, & Emerson.

Absent and excused were board member(s) Ford.

Also present was Director of Parks, Recreation & Events Cagle and Council Member Loftus.

Board Member McNutt moved to approve the agenda of June 17, 2025, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Sebastian, passed unanimously.

Board Member McNutt moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2025, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Ash, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

5.1.1 – Ash reported that the Fishing Tournament had nearly triple the attendance of years past. Ash requested that we double the bait donation from DMF Bait Co. for 2026 and order some container to disburse the bait to participants.

5.1.2 – Sebastian reported that attendance for Art in the Park this year was down. He believes that is due to the location change and less foot traffic. Sebastian reported that we need a higher amount of promotion leading into the 2026 event.

5.1.3 – Councilman Loftus reported a huge success for the Inaugural Wooden Boat Show – stating 16 boats this year with lots of attendees to enjoy the event. Loftus is anticipating full promotion for the 2026 event with an increase in participation.

5.2 – Director Cagle led a brief discussion on the upcoming events schedule. Chalk Fest (7/3), Family Fun Night (7/3), 4th of July Celebration (7/4), Urban Air (10/2-10/5), 5th Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon (10/4).

5.3 – Emerson reported that she had milkweed plants at Art in the Park. Emerson has more plants to go out into the Hall Street Park area. Emerson and Ash reported that native wildflowers have been planted at Oak Ridge Park.

5.4 – Director Cagle updated the group on upcoming recreation registrations; Fall Soccer, Adult Kickball, and Youth Flag Football all will open on July 1st.

New Business

6.1 – McNutt requested that we reinstate park assignments for the board to report back on. Emerson requested switching from the Playground of Dreams, Wixon volunteered to report on Playground of Dreams. Director Cagle will have the list ready for our next meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Correspondence

None.

Committee Reports

Parks, Recreation, & Events – No Report.

Arts Council – No Report.

Adjournment

Board member Wixson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:43PM; seconded by board member Ash, passed unanimously.