

A Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation & Events Board was held at City Hall, 200 S Main St. Eaton Rapids, MI on February 10, 2026.

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

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

Absent were Board Members Ford and McNutt

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

Board Member Sebastian moved to approve the agenda of February 10, 2026, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Ash, passed unanimously.

Board Member Ash moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2025, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Wixson, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

5.1 – Director Cagle led a brief discussion on the upcoming events schedule. Urban Air (5/7/26-5/10/26); Eaton Rapids Summer Kickoff (6/6/2026). Further discussion was had on the Summer Kickoff event regarding advertisement at the Quiet Adventure Symposium on February 28th and way to get other local organizations involved with the event.

5.2 – Liam from Earth to Table Urban Garden presented the group with a Management plan for the ETTUG Food Pantry currently located outside of the Outdoor Recreation Center. ETTUG would like to expand their offerings at the pantry. The Board expressed their support of the project. Board Member Sebastian made motion to take this plan to the City Manager with the support of the Parks, Recreation & Events Board to help determine the next steps moving forward; Seconded by Board Member Wixson, passed unanimously. Director Cagle and City Manager Ridge will work with UTTUG moving forward.

New Business

6.1 Director Cagle informed the board that Mayor Colestock has taken the Mayors' Monarch Pledge again for 2026. He will bring a list of Action Items to go over at the next meeting. Brief discussion was had on current projects associated with the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. ETTUG has collected lots of seeds and has a 20x20 plot of land at their garden that they are dedicating to the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Signing was requested.

6.2 Director Cagle went over the list of 2026 Meeting Dates with the group. The only odd meeting date is September 1st due to a conflict with the original date. All other months will meet the Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM.

Public Comments

None.

Correspondence

None.

Committee Reports

Recreation – The Recreation Subcommittee met for the first time on December 6th. They will meet again on Friday, March 6th at 7:15AM.

Arts Council – Arts Council Chair Sebastian reported on planning is underway for Art in the Park.

Park Reports

Board Member Ash reported that he cleaned up some down trees at Oak Ridge Park and planted 38 Paw Paw trees.

Board Member Sebastian requested the list of assigned parks to be sent back out as the weather is warming up.

Adjournment

Board member Wixson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41PM; seconded by board member Sebastian, passed unanimously.