

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

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

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

Absent were Board Members Ford and McCuen

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

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

Board Member Wixson moved to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025, regular meeting be approved as written; seconded by Board Member Sebastian, passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None.

Unfinished Business

5.1 – Director Cagle provided the group a list of 2026 events.

3/28/2026, 11:00AM – Easter Egg Hunt

5/3/2026 9:00AM-12:00PM – Eaton Rapids Plant & Seed Exchange

5/7/2026-5/10/2026 – Urban Air

6/6/2026, 9:00AM-2:00PM – Eaton Rapids Summer Kickoff (Art in the Park, Boat Show, Free Fishing)

6/13/2026 – Movie in the Park – Partnership with ERADL

7/1/2026-7/4/2026 – 250th Anniversary Independence Day Celebration

10/2/2026-10/4/2026 – Island City Fall Festival (POSSIBLE DATES/EVENT)

10/3/2026 – 6th Annual Grand River Color Tour Triathlon

10/24/2026, 11:00AM-1:00PM – Downtown Trick-or-Treat

12/5/2026 – Hometown Family Christmas

New Business

6.1 Director Cagle led the group through the list of Mayors' Monarch Action Items. The board selected 20 action items for 2026. Discussion will continue over the next several meetings.

Public Comments

Councilman Loftus spoke about LED Lighting throughout the parks. He also discussed being approached by a community member regarding the graffiti in the Pocket Park. The community member, along with members of the board would like the graffiti to be covered up.

Correspondence

None.

Committee Reports

Recreation – The recreation subcommittee is working to develop a Sponsorship Packet to help keep costs for programming down for the community.

Arts Council – Arts council is planning programming for the Eaton Rapids Summer Kickoff on Saturday, June 6th.

Park Reports

None.

Adjournment

Board member Sebastian moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM; seconded by board member Wixson, passed unanimously.