

**CITY OF LINDEN**  
**Agenda for Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 17, 2025, 6:00 pm**  
**Loose Senior Center, 707 N Bridge St., Linden, MI**

**CALL TO ORDER**      5:59 PM

**ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS**

- Excuse absent members: Sadie Kosin, Mike Dietz
- Introduce new commission member, Larry Allen
  - Larry lived in Linden 12 years. He has 3 kids. He manages Karaoke at the Mill (rain or shine), haunted trail for Zombie Walk.

**Judy:** The role of the commission is to promote the Linden Parks by holding events and providing information. Events are geared to the parks, and getting kids engaged in outdoor activities.

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

Minutes from the May 15, 2025, regular meeting: Aaron made the motion to approve, Judy seconded

**2025 MEETING DATES**

September 18, 2025; November 20, 2025

**THURSDAYS AT THE PARK DATES**

July 24: Corn Hole at the Millpond

Aaron: Has 3 gift cards to award to the challenge board winners. We have 7 boards from Southern Lakes P&R. Ed Koledo assisted. 6 if boards are set up just for fun, 1 is for challenges

August 7: Little Explorer's Scavenger Hunt; Sadie and Krysten are managing the event.

September 11: Owl walk, Genesee County Parks & Rec, ForMar Nature Center Staff are assisting. Event starts at 7, Pam provides light refreshment. Larry is going to help hear

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Adopt-a-Bench program
  - Judy: Stated the benches around the city need to be fixed and painted. Don Grice stated DPW has taken over maintenance of the benches.
- Thursdays in the Park updates
  - July 10 Kayaking event
    - 7-8 people showed up, Judy stated that the event has run its course. Need a new event. Larry said that we need to do a better job of promotion. He suggested involving Girl Scouts and Boy scouts. Get a church involve. Aaron people are siloed, only receiving information one way. Work with Marsha in the Shiawassee

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Shores office to put a flyer in the mail building. Sadie suggested speaking Linden schools' community education office, so it goes home with the kids at the end of the year. She suggested using QR web codes. Aaron: We need to state what is the purpose of the event. We need to add that the event is for everyone, from beginners to advanced players

- Get a sponsor to pay for ride to P & R event.
- Next year, will state kayaks are provided, no experience needed.
- Community Garden – Judy.
  - Financial Plus might donate (not confirmed) money for a raised bed. Everything is growing well in the garden. Will add two plots next year. She will remain the Community Garden representative
- Judy's resignation P&R Commission chair; Resignation effective September 1, moving to Tyrone Township
  - Kristen, City will advertise commission openings after September.
  - Commission voted unanimously to confirm Judy's resignation
- National Parks & Rec month; Judy spoke about recognizing the DPW. Judy arranged with Don to bring muffins and coffee to his staff Friday, 7/18, to thank them for taking excellent care of our parks. Bagels will also be provided for City Hall staff.
- New Ideas:
  - Movie night in the park
  - Garden presentation -Tessa Sweeney said Genesee District Library would like to do event
  - Kids Bingo night

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

City Council is kept informed of Parks and Recreation Commission events.

## **ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Howd  
Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission