



**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Dietz at 6:01 p.m. The meeting was held within Loose Senior Center located at 707 North Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451.

**ROLL CALL**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Aaron Wiens, Mike Dietz, Stephanie Shaw

**ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT:** Heidi Fletcher

**ABSENT:** Sadie Kosin, Elizabeth Armstrong, Larry Allen

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ellen Glass, City Manager; Tessa Sweeney, Director of Senior Services & Community Engagement; Kristyn Kanyak, City Clerk

(A) Excuse Absent Member(s)

Kanyak confirmed excused absence, Dietz excused Kosin.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Shaw, second by Dietz to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

(A) January 28, 2026 Special Joint Meeting

Motion by Shaw, second by Wiens to approve the minutes from the Joint Parks and Recreation Commission and Library Board Special meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

(A) Bylaws and Ordinance Review

Staff and Commissioners discussed bylaws and ordinance alignment; reviewed proposed changes pertaining to: meeting frequency/time, special meeting as needed; number of members; changing to all voting members; inclusion of one non-voting, resident or non-resident student representative; and other corrections.

Armstrong entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m. Allen entered the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

(B) 2026 Events and Programming

Dietz discussed what was done over the past few years that worked well, Kayaking, Little

Explorers and proposed 7-9 events. Armstrong, Commissioners and staff discussed America 250 event planning; event ideas and discussed further planning details: rent a rod at the Library, additional kayaking event, RC boat race on the river, park box with games at Eagle's Wooden Park, free library box and potential for additional events or GDL Programming; and assigned Thursdays in the Park events, as follows:

- April 23 or 30 at Community Center or Loose: Fly fishing (Allen and Wiens)
- May 14 or June 4: Kites (Fletcher and Armstrong)
- Memorial Day: Kayaking (Allen and Wiens)
- June 18: Little explorers at Eagle's Wooden Park (Kosin and Fletcher)
- July 16: Bats (Dietz and Allen)
- August 6: Little explorers at Eagle's Wooden Park (Kosin and Shaw)
- September 17: Senior kayaking and knit-a-thon at Gazebo/Mill Pond (Wiens and Allen/Armstrong and Shaw)

Brief discussion with Commissioners and Staff regarding Eagle's Wooden Park repairs and grants, Staff explained and will invite Director of Public Works to attend future meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **COMMISSIONER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Brief discussion between Commissioners and Kanyak regarding city Expo booth.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Shaw, second by Wiens to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dietz at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Stephanie Shaw, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_