



CITY OF LINDEN
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: LOOSE SENIOR CENTER, 707 NORTH BRIDGE ST., LINDEN, MI 48451

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the City of Linden Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chairperson Dietz at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held within Loose Senior Center located at 707 North Bridge Street, Linden, MI 48451.

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aaron Wiens, Larry Allen, Mike Dietz, Stephanie Shaw, Sadie Kosin, Elizabeth Armstrong, Heidi Fletcher

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ellen Glass, City Manager and Don Grice, Director of Public Works

(A) Excuse Absent Member(s)

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Wiens, second by Fletcher to approve the agenda. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Shaw, second by Allen to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2026 Regular Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) 2026 Events and Programming Updates

Kosin updated on Little Explorers event. Allen updated on the kayak event. Commissioners discussed Bats in Backyard event details and partnering with Genesee District Library (GDL) and partnering with the Library Board for the upcoming Little Explorers event with storyboard. Allen discussed kayaking with seniors event details and coordinating with Tessa and with Shiawassee River Shuttle. Armstrong and Shaw discussed the knit a thon event.

(B) Parks and Recreation Plan Objectives and Goals

Glass and Grice went over some new ideas for property behind the cemetery and possible new park ideas and discussed goals and objectives more in depth. Discussion regarding survey at the end of 2026 or beginning of 2027, Armstrong suggested a QR code.

(C) Shiawassee River Shuttle

Allen discussed donation or how to pay for the Senior Kayak event in September.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Sign Up Genius Account Details

Wiens suggested making a shared account and reasoning and also suggested Google Forms.

(B) Photo Release Form Details

Commissioners and staff discussed no form is available if you are in a public place and no expectation of privacy.

(C) Secretary Role Discussion

Shaw asked about someone from the city taking the minutes and reasoning, Glass discussed.

Fletcher left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

COMMISSIONER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dietz thanked Grice for helping and congratulated him on retirement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Dietz at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Shaw, Secretary

Approved: _____