

SAGINAW TOWNSHIP
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
January 16, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Jesko, Chairman
David Biver
Travis Hare
Scott Montalbano
Mike Whelton

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Daryl Gotham,
DPS Director
Dean martin
Maintenance Supervisor
Linda Buska
Recreation Manager
Laurel Jenkins
Recording Secretary

1. Meeting was called to order by Cathy Jesko at 4:02 p.m.
2. Invocation – David Biver
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Overview of the 2024-2028 Parks & Recreation Master Plan**
Tanya Moore from Spicer Group gave an overview of the Draft Master Plan.
5. Motion by David Biver seconded by Travis Hare to **open a public hearing** for proposed Master Recreation Plan. Motion carried.
6. **Comments from the Public on Hearing:** Mary Jo Hoff, 4120 N. Chipping Norton, and Robin Schwellenbach, 5657 Barberry, spoke on the deteriorating conditions of the outdoor pickleball courts at Olson Park. They stated they would like extended hours for pickleball at Center Courts and also include the renovation and expansion of outdoor courts into the Master Plan if possible.

Comment from Rob Klaczkiewicz, 4313 Scenic Dr. E, also commented on the deteriorating conditions of the outdoor pickleball courts at Olson Park. He noted that it is difficult to bring tournaments into the Township with the condition and limited number of outdoor courts.

Numerous emails regarding pickleball courts were received by the Recreation Manager and presented.
7. Motion by Scott Montalbano seconded by Mike Whelton to **close the public hearing** on the proposed Master Recreation Plan. Motion carried.
8. Motion made by Travis Hare seconded by David Biver to approve the December 18, 2023 minutes. Motion carried.
9. **Comments from the Public:** None

10. **REPORTS:**

Commissioners:

No reports.

Recreation Manager:

Linda Buska reported:

- Registration has begun for Second Season Youth Basketball, Women's & Coed Volleyball, 7th & 8th Grade Basketball, 5th-8th Grade Girls Volleyball and 9th-12th Grade Volleyball.
- High School Basketball began Saturday, January 13th.
- Saginaw Township Soccer Association will be utilizing Center Courts again this year for their Futsal program. The program is held Sunday mornings from 9:00-12:00 pm thru March.

DPS:

Dean Martin reported they are cutting up the numerous trees that have fallen at Harvey Randall Wickes East.

11. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Scott Montalbano seconded by Travis Hare to include an addition in the Action Plan under Community-Wide Initiatives, for exploration of future expansion and maintenance of pickleball courts. Motion Carried.

Motion by Travis Hare seconded by David Biver to approve the Resolution recommending adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to the Township Board for their approval.

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ACTION: **Motion Carried**

13. Motion by Scott Montalbano seconded by Travis Hare to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Next meeting dates: February 20 (Tuesday)
March 18
April 15