



12 N. Charles, White Cloud, MI 49349  
**Parks & Recreation Committee Minutes**  
November 2, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Member Barnhard called the meeting to order at 7:46 a.m.

Attendees: Don Barnhard, April Storms, Lori Shears, Ed Canning

Absent: Mary Bleiler

Staff present: Andrew Stafford, Makayla Brandt Public in Attendance: None

**2. Set/Amend Agenda**

Agenda presented for the regular Parks & Rec committee for November 2, 2023.

Canning would like to amend the agenda to add the school millage update to discussion items.

**Motion** by Barnhard **Supported** by Canning to set the amended agenda for November 2, 2023.

**Vote:** Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

**3. Minutes of September 7, 2023.**

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on September 7, 2023, were presented for consideration.

**Motion** by Shears, **Supported** by Canning to approve Parks and Recreation meeting minutes as presented.

**Vote:** Ayes- All Nays- None **Motion Carried**

**4. Discussion Items**

a. City Manager memo outlining

- Art Mural for Williams Street was approved by City Council. The City Manager is working on a contract for the business owner and the City.
- CEDAM Placemaking Project  
Andrew Stafford gave a verbal update on a \$10,000.00 CEDAM Grant for a downtown placemaking project to be completed by July 2024.
- Christmas in White Cloud  
There will be no Friday night event this year. Christmas in White Cloud will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm. Candy Cane Lane will be on Saturday along with several locations hosting Christmas festivities.
- County Parks & Rec Board  
City Manager Storms was asked by Commissioner Maike to apply for the vacant seat on the County Parks and Recreation Board. She should be appointed to the board on November 8, 2023.
- Playground equipment

The City Manager had applied for and received a \$40,000.00 grant for playground equipment at Mill Pond Park through the Fremont Area Community Foundation. She would like to use the funds toward musical and sensory equipment that was discussed at the last City Parks and Rec meeting.

- Gus Macker  
Lori Shears, Chad Fetterley, and April Storms will serve on the Gus Macker Committee in 2024 to have an opportunity to learn the planning, process, and coordination of the event from start to finish & be ready to host the 2025 Gus Macker event in White Cloud.
- Independent Bank  
Independent Bank White Cloud employees painted bleachers at the North Street Ball Fields on Columbus Day; following that Bank Manager, Betty Krueger presented a check to the city for \$1,500.00 toward the downtown beautification efforts.
- Safe Routes to School  
The project is on schedule. The timeline is:  
Letting date (date when the bids are opened/see who won the contract): January 2024  
Expected construction begins: April/May 2024  
Expected construction complete: July/August 2024
- SPARK grant Round 3  
Expected timeline for Round 3 (Opportunities Committees only)  
December 2023: application submission opens.  
Late January 2024: applications due  
March 2024: Grant awards announced.  
December 2024: Awarded grant funds must be committed to third parties.  
Summer 2025-2026: Project construction  
September 2026: All grant-funded projects must be complete.

- b. School Millage update  
Beginning stages of looking at a May 2024 vote to the people for bond debt extension to allow school to do a few projects such as baseball/softball complex on the JDJ property, safety/security with doors & windows, and a variety of other opportunities.

**C. Public Comment**

None

**D. Correspondence**

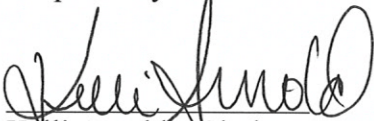
**E. Adjournment**

**Motion** by Shears, **Supported** by Canning to adjourn the Parks & Recreation meeting at 8:01 a.m.

**Vote:** Ayes- All Nays- None

**Motion Carried**

Respectfully submitted:

  
Kelli Arnold Clerk

Approved on: 2/1/2024  
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