

**ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vasold at 6:00 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Ann Silker, Bill Hauck, Bob Willoughby, Craig Clingan, Jeremy Murphy, Jordan Bruursema, and Randy Vasold.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Busch, and Ruth Barrett, and Steven Weber.

OTHERS PRESENT

Director Alexis Hansen and Administrative Assistant Brady Falardeau.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented (Murphy/Silker).

INTRODUCTIONS

Administrative Assistant Brady Falardeau

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Director called for Chairman Nominations.

It was moved (Willoughby/Hauck) to nominate Randy Vasold as Chairman.

Moved (Murphy/Clingan) to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Randy Vasold as Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Newly reelected Chairperson Vasold called for Vice-Chair Nominations.

It was moved (Murphy/Clingan) to nominate Jordan Bruursema as Vice Chairman.

Moved (Murphy/Clingan) to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Jordan Bruursema as Vice Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairperson Vasold called for Secretary Nominations.

It was moved (Bruursema/Murphy) to nominate Craig Clingan as Secretary.

Moved (Murphy/Hauck) to close nominations and have a unanimous ballot cast for Craig Clingan as Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The October 1, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **It was moved (Murphy/Willoughby) to approve the October 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Director presented the bills for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026. **It was moved (Clingan/Silker) to approve the Financial Summary Report for October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026.**

CAMPGROUND SUMMARY REPORT

Director Hansen gave an update on the Campground Summary Report for October 2025, November 2025, and January 2026.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Professional Development

Assistant Parks Supervisor Emma Vanacker and Maintenance Coordinator Coty Lobsinger attended the Great Lakes Trade Expo in January and earned their required CEU's to renew their pesticide certifications.

Director Hansen and Assistant Parks Supervisor Vanacker will be attending the Michigan Recreation & Park Association (MPARKS) Conference in March.

Employee/Volunteers

Administrative Assistant Nichole Manley is back from maternity leave, working part-time.

Administrative Assistant Brady Falardeau was hired on part-time in October to replace Roberta and has transferred to full-time recently to fill in.

Parks

Opening Day for online reservations is Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 9:00am. Opening Day for reservations via the parks office is Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 8:30am.

The renovation of the campground bathhouse at Herrick Recreation Area is moving along, the new roof, siding, doors, and plumbing have been installed and the new plumbing has passed inspection. Currently waiting for warmer weather to be able to finish the concrete work and paint/epoxy the interior, with the installation of the interior fixtures to follow.

The 25th anniversary of the opening of the Isabella County section of the Pere-Marquette Rail Trail is this year and celebrations are already underway, with more continuing to be planned; this includes the creation of a logo which is being featured on the 2026 annual vehicle permits, along with a interactive trail project with a group of Jordan Bruursema's students and a ceremony is being planned for June.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Department of Natural Resources Spark Grant – See comments from directors' report.

NEW BUSINESS

N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hauck stated that, starting tomorrow, the Road Commission will meet with 16 townships to determine needed projects and that they have used up \$1.1 million of their \$1.5 million budgeted towards winter maintenance.

Commissioner Willoughby stated that there is not much flowing from the drains and that the Drain Commission has never noted this much ice on the river.

The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at the Isabella County Road Commission Building.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn (Willoughby/Murphy) at 6:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Clingan, Secretary