Approved:

ISABELLA COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT
Ann Silker, Bill Hauck, Jeremy Murphy, Ruth Barrett, Jeremy Murphy, Jordan Bruursema and Randy Vasold.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT
Bob Willoughby, Craig Clingan and Steven Weber.

OTHERS PRESENT
Director Alexis Hansen, Assistant Parks Supervisor Emma Vanacker, Administrative Assistant Brady Falardeau, and seasonal park staff member Kathy Vanderkolk.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Agenda was accepted as presented (Hauck/Barrett).

INTRODUCTIONS
N/A

MINUTES
The August 5, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed. **It was moved (Bruursema/Silker) to approve the August 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.**

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS
The Director presented the bills for August 2026. **It was moved (Murphy/Barrett) to approve the Financial Summary Report for August 2026.**

CAMPGROUND SUMMARY REPORT
Director Hansen gave an update on the Campground Summary Report for August 2026

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Employee/Volunteers
Most of the seasonal staff at the parks are going to be done working on Labor Day, some will be staying past to keep operations going until the beginning of October.

Parks Director Alexis Hansen and Assistant Parks Supervisor Emma Vanacker attended a

MACPRO meeting at an Ingham County Park where they took a tour of the facilities and came back with ideas of things we could implement in Isabella County.

Parks
The Fishing Platform at Deerfield Nature Park was removed this month and staff is working to finalize the requirements of the removal permitting through EGLE.

The Mural at Coldwater Lake Family Park has been painted, the artist has been having issues with the supplier for the clear coating they use, which has delayed the installation of the mural.

The bidding process for the ADA sidewalk to the new playground on the Herrick Recreation Area Campground side has been finalized. Harsh Excavating has been awarded the project. The playground, as part of the MPARKS state-wide funding program with Game Time, has been ordered and will be installed in the middle of October. Parks Director Alexis Hansen and Assistant Parks Supervisor Emma Vanacker went to Wild Type Nursery to look into what types of plants they want to have around the new playground and sidewalk supported by the $50,000 2% Distribution Grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.

The way-finding signs for the Meridian Park Trail Project funded by the $5,000 grant from the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau are currently being installed.

Fiscal Year 2027 fee increases have been presented to the County Board of Commissioners for approval.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Rules and Ordinances Updates
The Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission Members discussed the suggested updates to the Rules and Ordinances and suggested some more changes to be brought to the October Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

Campground Policy Revisions
Director Hansen presented to the board a further limit to the long-term camping at Coldwater Lake Family Park, bringing the current number of long-term campers down from 35 Full-Season and (20) 30-90 Night stays to eventually 25 Full-Season and (10) 30-90 Night stays. After some discussion, the Isabella County Parks and Recreation Commission Members decided to wait until the December Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting to see how many long-term campers were planning on returning for the 2027 camping season, before making a decision.

NEW BUSINESS
N/A

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Commissioner Silker didn't have an update as the Planning Commission has not met since the last Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Hauck shared that the Road Commission is working on finishing up their last projects for the Fiscal Year.

The next Parks and Recreation Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at the Pond Overlook Pavilion at Deerfield Nature Park.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved to adjourn (Murphy/Bruursema) at 7:06 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Clingan, Secretary