

City of Charlotte
911 W Shepherd St, Charlotte, MI 48813
Parks Advisory Board
Meeting
January 20, 2026 7:00PM
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: 7:08 pm
2. Roll Call
 - Present: DPW Stephanie Whitney, Members: Nate Lovaas, Adrienne Van Langevelde, Cindy Miller, Abygail Maldonado, City Council Liaison: Justin Brummette
 - Absent: Zach Story,
 - Public guest: Tobi Brummette (Justin's Wife)
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2025: Unanimously approved
4. Public Comments: None
5. Agenda Items
 - A. Tree Nursery
 - 10 trees are set to come to the nursey, none are currently planted
 - Mulch bed is down – organic break down process is ongoing
 - Trees will come/ be planted when the weather breaks
 - Conservation Tree Sale coming up– Justin will try to obtain trees at no cost to plant in the nursery.
 - A tree nursery plan is needed. – add as a next meeting agenda item, what will be the care of the trees in the future.
 - B. Mac Gobel Update
 - All bleachers are fully torn down and gone.
 - Shed in the back will be taken down as well
 - CJO plans to rent bleachers for the fall football season. They will also be paying for a new press box.
 - C. Bennett Park Layout
 - Park has been surveyed. The survey is sufficient enough to get a design plan done
 - City budgeting and grant applications are at a standstill due to change of hands. No grant application in process currently.
 - 2027 will be the aim to apply for grants for Bennet Park.
 - Bennet Park Historical Background has been updated for new park sign purposes. It was reviewed and commented on. Some small changes will more

than likely be made.

- Different scenic Bennet Park pictures were presented by DPW Stephannie Whitney. Agreed upon Pictures will be printed on the new park sign.

D. Park Maintenance Update

- Normal maintenance is on going for the winter. Plowing, Snow Removal, Lincoln Park bathroom cleaning.
- No current special projects or cleaning are currently happening

E. New Park Signs

- Oak Park sign is completed. DPW Stephanie presented it to the board
- Oak Park sign will be put in the park this spring (beginning of April) along with all the other park signs.

F. Lincoln Park Trees

- This item will be tabled until the next meeting. It was added to the agenda by chairman Story who is absent from this meeting.

G. Tri-County Pathway

- DPW Stephanie Whitney presented multiple maps. Tri County regional planning commission wants the support of the park board.
- The Park board supports this if the maintenance does not fall on the city.
- The Park voted to unanimously approve the support of the two recommendation letters/maps that stretch from Optimus Park to Charlotte & Lansing Road Tap Grant Opportunity. These letters will be sent to MDOT & Tri County.
- The entirety of the path stretches from Vermontville to Holt.

H. NFC (National Fitness Campaign)

- NFC came to DPW Stephanie in hopes of putting a fitness court into one of the parks. They provide a grant but the match is substantial (over \$100,000). Those funds can be donated & does not have to come directly from the city.
- A good place that was suggested would be the concrete slab where the ice skate rink was located. (Perhaps a joint pickleball court and a fitness court).
- If the park board wants to pursue this, we will need to do public reach out and ask for donation support.
- Park board would like a presentation from the NFC and potentially future presentations to other organizations (Hospital, Alive, etc) as those would be the organizations we would try to obtain the donations/ funds from.

I. Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting – February 17, 2026

- Aby will be absent for the February Meeting
- Board has determined there will be no meeting in March.

6. Board Member Comments: None

7. Adjournment: 8:10