

AGENDA
MONROE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESCHEDULED MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
BOC Chambers
125 E Second Street
Monroe, MI 48161

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. November 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
- VI. PUBLIC INPUT
 - 1. 2025-2029 Monroe County Parks, Trails, & Recreation Master Plan
Click [Here](#) for the 2025-2029 Draft Monroe County Parks, Trails, & Recreation Master Plan
- VII. STAFF & SPECIAL REPORTS
 - 1. Resolution in Support of the adoption of Monroe County 2025 Parks, Trails & Recreation Master Plan
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. COMMUNICATIONS- None
- X. OLD BUSINESS- None
- XI. NEW BUSINESS-
 - 1. Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2025
- XII. ADJOURNMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2024

A regular meeting of the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Monroe County Courthouse 125 E Second Street Monroe, MI 48161 on Monday November 4, 2024

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Larry VanWasshenova at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT: Connie Velliquette, Rusty Davis, Loretta LaPointe, Greg Stewart, David Hoffman, Larry VanWasshenova, Robert Kull, and Misty Green

ABSENT: Brian Hoppert, and David Thompson.

III. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Larry VanWasshenova.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Greg Stewart approve the agenda seconded by Loretta LaPointe.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 9, 2024)

Motion by David Hoffman to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting held on September 9, 2024 with no corrections, supported by Robert Kull. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Lucie Fortin Community Planner and Landscape Architect from Mannik Smith Group presented the results the draft of the County 5-year Parks and Trails Master Plan. She told the committee that the proposed plan must be reviewable by the public for 30 days so she requested the next meeting be moved from December 2nd 2024 to December 9th 2024.

Motion to publish the proposed County 5-year Parks and Trails Master Plan by Rusty Davis seconded by Connie Velliquette. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Motion to change the December 2024 Parks and Recreation meeting to December 9th by Loretta LaPointe seconded by Connie Velliquette. Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Dale DeSloover from the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Panel share his background with the commission and his hope for a pedestrian bridge connecting Waterloo Park to the City of Monroe. He also expressed interest in joining the Parks Commission

VII. STAFF & SPECIAL REPORTS

Joshua Thomas gave a brief overview the parks projects. Loretta LaPointe to accept and place on file Staff Report, seconded by Rusty Davis. Voice vote taken. Motion carried

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS- None

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None

X. NEW BUSINESS- Connie Velliquette announced she is not seeking to renew her commission on the Parks and Recreation Commission. She was thanked for her 20 plus year serving on the commission

XI. ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Connie Velliquette to adjourn, seconded by Loretta LaPointe. Voice vote taken. Motion carried

Resolution In Support of the Adoption of the Monroe County 2025 Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission was formed by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners under Public Act 261 of 1965;

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission has the authority to study and ascertain the need for County parks and recreation facilities and whether this need is being met, and to prepare and adopt a coordinated plan of areas and facilities to meet this need for the benefit of the entire community;

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission has developed a *Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan*, which describes the County's physical and social characteristics, existing parks and recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve parks and recreation facilities during the period between 2025 and 2029;

WHEREAS, the *Monroe County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan's* goals and objectives were developed in response to needs and deficiencies identified by a survey of residents conducted in May through June, 2024 and input from County officials, community stakeholders, and staff;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the *Monroe County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan* during the course of several meetings held on June 3, September 9, October 11, and November 21, 2024;

WHEREAS, the *Monroe County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan* has been made available for public review in the manner required by law and all comments from the public have been considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission approves the *Monroe County Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan* and recommends that the Plan be forwarded to the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for their adoption.

Date: December 9, 2024

Ayes: ____

Nays: ____

Abstain: ____

Absent: ____

Brian Hoppert, Chairman
Monroe County Parks and Recreation Commission

2025 MEETING SCHEDULE
MONROE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>
January 6	Courthouse, Board of Commissioners	6:00 p.m.
February 3	Courthouse, Board of Commissioners	6:00 p.m.
March 3	Courthouse, Board of Commissioners	6:00 p.m.
April 7	Courthouse, Board of Commissioners	6:00 p.m.
May 5	County Park Site to be determined	6:00 p.m.
June 2	County Park Site to be determined	6:00 p.m.
July 7	County Park Site to be determined	6:00 p.m.
August 4	County Park Site to be determined	6:00 p.m.
September 8 (September 1 – Labor Day)	County Park Site to be determined	6:00 p.m.
October 6	County Park Site to be determined	6:00 p.m.
November 3	Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Chambers	6:00 p.m.
December 8	Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Chambers	6:00 p.m.