

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Tuesday, August 18, 2026, 5:30 P.M.
City Council Chambers, 8083 Civic Drive
Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. ROLL CALL: James Barclay (Chair), Dennis Cramer, Mark Gonyea
(Secretary), Nate Henry (Vice Chair), Kelli Melen, Walt Melen, Chad Parenteau,
David Witter, Sara Witter
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
6. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:
7. COMMUNICATIONS TO BOARD:
 - A. June 16, 2026 Minutes
 - B. Staff Letter
 - C. Elms Aerial Image
 - D.
8. REPORTS:
 - A. DPW Director & City Manager
9. BUSINESS:
 - A. Elms Park Pickleball
 - B.
10. MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:
11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
12. ADJOURNMENT:

**CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
VIRTUAL PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026 5:30 P.M.**

The **August 18, 2026 Park Board meeting** will commence at 5:30 p.m. This meeting will be conducted in-person and virtually (online and/or by phone) under rules promulgated by the State of Michigan.

To comply with the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)**, any citizen requesting accommodation to attend this meeting, and/or to obtain the notice in alternate formats, please contact Jacquie Forrest, 810.635.4464 48 hours prior to meeting,

Zoom Instructions for Participants

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1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided below.
2. Enter the **Meeting ID** number (also provided below) when prompted using your touch-tone (DTMF) keypad.

Before a videoconference:

1. You will need a computer, tablet, or smartphone with speaker or headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.
2. Details, phone numbers, and links to videoconference or conference call is provide below. The details include a link to **“Join via computer”** as well as phone numbers for a conference call option. It will also include the 9-digit Meeting ID.

To join the videoconference:

1. At the start time of your meeting, enter the link to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on “Test Computer Audio.” Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on “Join audio by computer.”

You may also join a meeting without the link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided below.

If you are having trouble hearing the meeting, you can join via telephone while remaining on the video conference:

1. On your phone, dial the teleconferencing number provided below.
2. Enter the **Meeting ID number** (also provided below) when prompted using your touchtone (DMTF) keypad.
3. If you have already joined the meeting via computer, you will have the option to enter your participant ID to be associated with your computer.

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Using the icons in the lower left corner of the Zoom screen you can:

- Mute/Unmute your microphone (far left)
- Turn on/off camera (“Start/Stop Video”)
- Invite other participants
- View participant list-opens a pop-out screen that includes a “Raise Hand” icon that you may use to raise a virtual hand during Call to the Public
- Change your screen name that is seen in the participant list and video window
- Share your screen

Somewhere (usually upper right corner on your computer screen) on your Zoom screen you will also see a choice to toggle between “speaker” and “gallery” view. “Speaker view” show the active speaker.

Swartz Creek is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: City of Swartz Creek Park & Recreation Board Meeting

Time: August 18, 2026 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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If you have any further questions or concern, please contact 810-635.4464 or email jforrest@cityofswartzcreek.org. A copy of this notice will be posted at City Hall, 8083 Civic Drive, Swartz Creek, Michigan.

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK VIRTUAL (ELECTRONIC) MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES

In order to conduct an effective, open, accessible, and professional meeting, the following protocols shall apply. These protocols are derived from the standard practices of Swartz Creek public meetings, Roberts Rules of Order, and city board & commission procedures. These procedures are adopted to govern participation by staff, councilpersons and members of the public in all City meetings held electronically pursuant to PA 228 of 2020. Note that these protocols do not replace or eliminate established procedures or practices. Their purpose is to augment standing expectations so that practices can be adapted to a virtual meeting format.

The following shall apply to virtual meetings of the city's public bodies that are held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

1. Meetings of the City Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Downtown Development Authority, Park Board, or committees thereunder may meet electronically or permit electronic participation in such meetings insofar as (1) the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services restricts the number of persons who can gather indoors due to the COVID-19 pandemic; (2) persons have an illness, injury, disability or other health-related condition that poses a risk to the personal health or safety of members of the public or the public body if they were to participate in person; or (3) there is in place a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster declared pursuant to law or charter by the governor or other person authorized to declare a state of emergency or disaster.
2. All meetings held hereunder must provide for two-way communication so that members of the public body can hear and respond to members of the general public, and vice versa.
3. Members of the public body who participate remotely must announce at the outset of the meeting that he/she is in fact attending the meeting remotely and by further identifying the specific physical location (by county, township, village and state) where he/she is located. The meeting minutes must include this information.
4. Notice of any meeting held electronically must be posted at the City Offices at least 18 hours before the meeting begins and must clearly explain the following:
 - (a) why the public body is meeting electronically;
 - (b) how members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically, including the specific telephone number, internet address or similar log-in information needed to participate in the meeting;

- (c) how members of the public may contact members of the public body to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the public body at the meeting;
 - (d) how persons with disabilities may participate in the meeting.
5. The notice identified above must also be posted on the City's website homepage or on a separate webpage dedicated to public notices for non-regularly scheduled or electronic public meetings that is accessible through a prominent and conspicuous link on the website's homepage that clearly describes the meeting's purpose.
 6. The City must also post on the City website an agenda of the meeting at least 2 hours before the meeting begins.
 7. Members of the public may offer comment only when the Chair recognizes them and under rules established by the City.
 8. Members of the public who participate in a meeting held electronically may be excluded from participation in a closed session that is convened and held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

MAINTAINING ORDER

Public body members and all individuals participating shall preserve order and shall do nothing to interrupt or delay the proceedings of public body.

All speakers shall identify themselves prior to each comment that follows another speaker, and they shall also indicate termination of their comment. For example, "Adam Zettel speaking. There were no new water main breaks to report last month. That is all."

Any participants found to disrupt a meeting shall be promptly removed by the city clerk or by order of the Mayor. Profanity in visual or auditory form is prohibited.

The public body members, participating staff, and recognized staff/consultants/presenters shall be the only participants not muted by default. All other members must request to speak by raising their digital hand on the Zoom application or by dialing *9 on their phone.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

All Motions and Resolutions, whenever possible, shall be pre-written and in the positive, meaning yes is approved and no is defeated. All motions shall require support. A public body member whom reads/moves for a motion may oppose, argue against or vote no on the motion.

PUBLIC ADDRESS OF BOARD OR Commission

The public shall be allowed to address a public body under the following conditions:

1. Each person who wishes to address the public body will be first recognized by the Mayor or Chair and requested to state his / her name and address. This applies to staff, petitioners, consultants, and similar participants.
2. Individuals shall seek to be recognized by raising their digital hand as appropriate on the digital application.
3. Petitioners are encouraged to appropriately identify their digital presence so they can be easily recognized during business. If you intend to call in only, please notify the clerk in advance of your phone number.
4. The city clerk shall unmute participants and the members of the public based upon the direction of the mayor or chair. Participants not recognized for this purpose shall be muted by default, including staff, petitioners, and consultants.
5. Individuals shall be allowed five (5) minutes to address the public body, unless special permission is otherwise requested and granted by the Mayor or Chair.
6. There shall be no questioning of speakers by the audience; however, the public body, upon recognition of the Mayor or Chair, may question the speaker.
7. No one shall be allowed to address the public body more than once unless special permission is requested, and granted by the Mayor or Chair.
8. One spokesperson for a group attending together will be allowed five (5) minutes to address the public body unless special permission has been requested, and granted by the Mayor or Chair.
9. Those addressing the public body shall refrain from being repetitive of information already presented.
10. All comments and / or questions shall be directed to and through the Mayor or Chair.
11. Public comments (those not on the agenda as speakers, petitioners, staff, and consultants) are reserved for the two "Public Comment" sections of the agenda and public hearings.

VOTING RECORD OF PUBLIC BODIES

All motions, ordinances, and resolutions shall be taken by "YES" and "NO" voice vote and the vote of each member entered upon the journal.

CITY OF SWARTZ CREEK
SWARTZ CREEK, MICHIGAN
PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
PAUL D. BUECHE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JUNE 16, 2026

Meeting called to order at 8083 Civic Drive at 5:31 p.m. by Chairman Barclay

Members Present: Barclay, Cramer, Henry, Gonyea, D. Witter, S. Witter.

Members Absent: K. Melen, W. Melen, Parenteau.

Staff Present: Adam Zettel & Robert Bincsik.

Others Present: Ofc. Hiben & Lania Rocha.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Cramer to approve the agenda for June 16, 2026, as printed, support by S. Witter.

Unanimous Voice Vote.
Motion Declared Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Henry to approve minutes of May 19, 2026, support by Gonyea.

Unanimous Voice Vote.
Motion Declared Carried.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD:

- A. May 19, 2026 Minutes
- B. Staff Letter
- C. Abrams Trail Quotes
- D. Memorial Day Redacted Police Reports
- E. Social District Information

REPORTS:

- A. DPW Director noted that forestry clearing work occurred at Abrams and the amphitheater. Pavilion concrete is coming. Fiber woodchips are being bid.
- B. Mr. Zettel noted that Otterburn was given the notice to proceed by Hud. A new timeline has not been set, but work can now commence. Holland Drive fundraiser is open. Elms fencing and tables are on hold pending further review

of Elms Park. Mosquito control is pending. Abrams bleachers, signs, and sign landscaping are on the short list for DPW. Drinking fountain to be ordered. Irrigation at Abrams to be sorted out.

BUSINESS:

- A. Elms Park: Discussion occurred regarding the large crowds that are stressing resources, resulting in arrests, and causing damage at Elms Park. Numerous strategies to manage the problem were discussed.

There was a verbal altercation between Mr. Gonyea and Mr. Barclay. Mr. Gonyea stated that Mr. Barclay was out of order

Motion by Barclay to restrict power use when there are not reservations, to prohibit additional grills and cooking devices, to maintain a dedicated police presence on active weekends, to remove the west basketball court and replace it with pickle ball courts, to close the park at 8pm or sunset on weekdays and holidays, and to set a limit on capacity, support by Cramer.

Roll Call Vote.

Yes: Barclay, Cramer, D. Witter, Henry, D. Witter, S. Witter.

No: Gonyea

Mr. Zettel noted that the police presence, power reduction, and new pickleball courts would occur as soon as practical. The other changes will be included in the routine fall rule change.

- B. Abrams Trails: Mr. Zettel noted that there is not new pricing for the trail addition, which currently sits at about \$90,000. Another look will be taken to see if an alternate installation/cost is available. If not, the board appeared agreeable to incremental segments.

- C. Social District: The board discussed the potential for a proposed downtown social district to include Bicentennial Park.

Mr. Barclay called on a yes/no poll to gauge whether the park board would support including Bicentennial Park in a draft social district common area, with 'yes' supporting the proposition and 'no' opposing it.

Roll Call Vote.

Yes: Cramer, D. Witter, Henry, S. Witter, Gonyea, Barclay.

No: None.

MEETING OPEN TO PUBLIC:

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Cramer believes the park board did well to adopt new rules and activities that should help with disorder.

Board Member D. Witter appreciates the police presence at the meeting.

Board Member Gonyea was happy that Metro was present. He is pleased with most but not all of the park changes made at the meeting. I noted that he wants to keep meetings professional, follow Roberts Rules of Order, and keep comments on meeting content.

Board Member Barclay inquired about the school property by the bridge on Crapo Street, which needs to be mowed.

Meeting declared adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: July 15, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Mark Gonyea, Secretary



Adam Zettel, AICP

City Manager

azettel@cityofswartzcreek.org

Date: August 12, 2026

To: Park Commissioners
From: Adam Zettel, AICP
RE: August 18, 2026 Park Board Meeting

Hello everyone,

We will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. The location is the council chambers at city hall.

In addition to updates regarding Otterburn and Holland Square, staff wishes to revisit the matter of the Elms Park pickleball area.

The issue at hand is whether or not the park board was directing staff to expand the number of courts or not. We believe the direction was clear to construct a north-south dividing fence to the east to protect from wayward basketballs and pickleballs. This would occupy the areas where the current west court is. What was not clear is if four new courts should be installed or not.

We heard from some folks that it might be better to keep that area open and install some additional barrier fencing to prevent balls from going into the grass. It is also possible to place another activity into the center area where the west court currently is located. At any rate, we hope to have another round of deliberation to clear this up. Apologies in advance if we misconstrued the situation at the June meeting.

We should be reviewing the 2027 edition of rules at the September or October meeting, including a new reservation for Otterburn Park!

Contact me with additional future agenda items, questions, or comments.

Sincerely,

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Elms Park Courts

