Sparta Recreational Authority
Kent County, Michigan
Minutes for the meeting held
October 1, 2026 at 7 pm
The meeting was held at Sparta Township Hall

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order by Rob Steffens at 7:00

2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call: Whalen, Driscoll, Steffens, Braybrook, DeHaan present. Bradford and DuVerneay absent

4. Additions or Corrections to the Business & Consent Agenda
   None
5. Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Agenda,
   Motion by Driscoll to approve. Supported by Braybrook, passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment – Carly and Courtney with AYSO stated soccer has a new board, and they will get with Driscoll on someone to appoint to the board from AYSO. They are excited to get everyone on the same page moving forward.
   Sue Blackall informed us that she had a group out from Tesa to work on the trails. The group and company thought it was great and will be scheduling more work with her in the future. Tesa originally donated $25,000 for the trail work. They are also working with Liz to change the signage to Tesa in lieu of Tesa Tape.

7. Unfinished Business
   a. Parking Lot Gravel – Rob stated that Ron Cordes will be installing 150 yards of gravel on the overflow parking lot that Jason Bradford got donated from Barber Creek after the 17th of October, when fall sports are completed.
      Insurance Carrier – Rob said he got another quote for insurance. The low quote was $8,965. Our budget will have to be amended since it was set at last years rate at $8,500.
8. New Business
   a. Signs to keep off grass – Rob suggested this due to parking issues by the west field. Tim suggested more No Parking Fire Lane Signs.
   b. Cameras – It was agreed at the last meeting to have SPD handle cameras. Rob said Township will approve.
   c. Cross Country – Sparta would like to have their home Cross Country track at Sparta and to host the fall meet at the park. The Construction and Operations Committee will work with them to try and make this happen.

9. Committee Reports
    a. Construction/ Operations Committee (Steffens, Braybrook, Driscoll, DeHaan) –We will also need to purchase a 3-door fridge for the park, as the one donated has a Freon leak.
    b. Events / Fundraising Committee (Driscoll, DeHaan, Welch) – The park will host a travel softball tournament and a rugby tournament in October.
    c. Communication (Braybrook, DeHaan, Whalen) Web sites need to be updated.
    d. Finance Committee (Whalen, Bradford, Steffens) Report by Steffens
10. Approval of Bills – Both August and September bills. Motion by Driscoll to approve. Supported by DeHaan. Passed unanimously.
11. Communications –He is still trying to get a representative from AYSO. We were also informed that some of the toilets wobble. Driscoll stated that he will be replacing DuVerneay if he is no longer interested in being on the board.
12. Public Comment – None
13. Adjournment – Adjourned at 8:17.