

**PROCEEDINGS OF
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
Connect Senior Center
West Bloomfield, Michigan
Special Budget Workshop**

**Monday, September 29, 2025
6:00 PM**

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by Chairperson Brooks

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Robert Brooks
Secretary John Erich
Treasurer Terrance Adams
Commissioner Merv Aronoff
Commissioner David Barash
Commissioner Amy Mindell
Commissioner Sally Wenczel

Staff Present: Kelly Hyer, Executive Director
Chris Frey, Parks Superintendent
Ashley Stokes, Recreation Supervisor
Meagan Tehako, Marketing & Events Manager
Austin Gapp, Finance Associate
Carrie Manning, Recording Secretary

Absent: None

Public: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM- None

1. The 2026 General Appropriations Act Resolution was reviewed by the Commissioners with the final draft to be presented at the regular November Commission meeting.
2. **Presentation of draft 2026 WB Parks Budget.**
Executive Director Hyer presented the WBPRC Commissioners with an extensive draft of the 2026 Budget. Budget planning begins in July. Staff with budget responsibilities were actively engaged, presenting successes from the 2025 budget and identifying new requests for 2026. Parks staff conducted extensive research to support capital project planning. Next, Executive Director Hyer provided an overview of the Capital projects: progress on them and where they stood.

Administration budget is accounting for COLA increases, medical and prescription drug increases. The budget includes the 15% IT contract and installation of new security cameras at all sites and the future Connect building.

Parks did not report a significant increase in budget outside of contracting with certified arborists regarding the timing of trimming and removal of trees throughout the Parks network. Concrete replacement and repair account for Capital outlays.

The Marketing and Events proposed budget included some growth in events to pre-Covid levels due to the increased participation in events and demand for more space. New events like the Fall Fetch Fest will replace the Fall Garage Sale. (Spring Sale will be moved to Drake Sports Park due to Connect construction)

The Recreation Budget is affected by the RAC construction, with some programs having to be relocated during the process. Nature programs will be moved to the Drake Community Room. On the other hand, family and adult field trip opportunities will increase due to the limited use of the nature room. Camp WB will be adding afternoon latchkey (as it did prior to Covid). Lily Pad Springs will be introducing a family pass option and expanding private party rentals to non-residents.

Next Steps:

October 6, 2025- Feedback received and analyzed.

October 14, 2025- Finalize the budget for Public Hearing.

October 15, 2025- The Public Hearing will be advertised in The Beacon, and the budget will be available for viewing at the WB Parks main office.

October 22, 2025- Public hearing at the regular monthly WBPRC meeting.

November 19, 2025- WP Parks Commission approval of Parks Budget and PA 152.

December 15, 2025- WB Township approval of WB Parks Budget.

PUBLIC FORUM- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:03PM.

Reviewed by,
John Erich

(As a permanent record, an audio tape of this meeting in its entirety is on file and will remain at the Parks and Recreation offices where it may be heard.)