

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
121 N. Church Street, Hudson, MI 49247
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes of October 13, 2025

The Recreation Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Nicole Chase at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Nicole Chase, Sara Schudel, Richie Wheaton and Bruce VanWieren

Absent: Roger Clark and George Race

Others Present: Devin & Sierra Sandahl, Sue Wright, Cheryl Koester, Heather Smith, Tori Andrews, Erika Borck, Alyssa Hartley, Esaw Randle, Tammy Murphy, Justin & Danica Cooper, City Receptionist Samantha Gerig, City Manager Charles Weir, and City Clerk Jeaniene McClellan and others.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY:

Excuse Absent Members:

Motion by Richie Wheaton, seconded by Bruce VanWieren to **approve to excuse absent members from the meeting**, CARRIED by voice vote.

Minutes:

Motion by Bruce VanWieren, seconded by Richie Wheaton to **approve the minutes of August 11, 2025, and place on file**, CARRIED by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the City Parks with the Sports teams:

The City Staff asked for the different sport coaches and representatives to come to the meeting so everyone could work together to help maintain the parks.

However, it appears that soccer parents and/or coaches thought the other organizations were pushing them off the fields and stated that the football would destroy their fields. The football organization stated that if there was any damage they would fix the fields. The fields were used only for the flag football with the 1st and 2nd graders. There would not be any cleats used on the fields. Also at this time there has been only spring soccer but if at any time they would decide to have a fall soccer then soccer would take precedence.

As far as the volunteers to help with maintenance of buildings and equipment, the audience suggested that the city should put a notice on facebook and have a sign up sheet. There was also statement made, if any teams would be renting the fields but no sports teams pay to use the City's park fields at this time.

This is a City owned park. When not being used by soccer, and not being used by football, it is open for public use. Meaning any family or children can use/play in the grassy area.

Ball Field Use Agreement with Hudson Schools:

City Manger has drafted the ball field use agreement with the Hudson Schools and the schools asked if they could have the agreement for 3 years instead of 1 year.

The board members agreed to keep the agreement for 1 year only to make sure that everyone understands what the city to looking for and if there needs to be any changes made. If in a couple of years without any problems, they would consider having the agreements for 3 years at a time.

VISITORS BEFORE THE BOARD:

Comments were heard by the board.

BOARD COMMENTS:

The next meeting will not be until early spring of 2026.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jeaniene McClellan, City Clerk