

Sparta Recreational Authority
Kent County, Michigan
Minutes for the meeting held
May 1, 2025
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.
4. Roll Call Braybrook, Dehaan, Driscoll, Steffens, Welch, Bradford, and Whalen present.
5. Additions or Corrections to the Business & Consent Agenda
 - a. Add Parking lot vandalism
 - b. Add a new board appointment
5. Approval of Consent Agenda and Business Agenda,
Approve SRA Meeting Minutes from the Feb. 6 meeting
Motion by Welch, Support by Dehaan Passed 7-0
6. Public Comment – None
7. Public Hearing – None
8. Unfinished Business
 - a. Parking Lot Cameras –Waiting on installation.
 - b. Additional parking—Ongoing. Steffens suggested we would need to do a special fundraising drive for the parking lot expansion.
9. New Business
 - a. Sue Blackall trails update: Sue stated that the trails have come a long way. Village donated topsoil, wood chips, and some labor to help. Ethan works for the village but has also brought out his own equipment to help. There was a motion to approve up to 40 hours of his time at \$15 per hour to help sue. This will be approved by the construction committee.
 - b. Parking Lot Painting: We will get pricing to get the lot sealed and stripped this summer. The Construction Committee will approve if under our threshold.
 - c. Gleason Resignation: Resignation was accepted.
 - d. Parking Lot Vandalism: Driscoll will put together an estimate to seal and restripe the damaged area and get to Officer Price. The individual was caught.
 - e. New Board Appointment: Josh Duverney was appointed as a SARA Representative to replace Jim Gleason. They are still looking for a replacement for Andy Jansma.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Construction/ Operations Committee(Steffens, Braybrook, Driscoll, DeHaan) –Lot needs to be restriped and sealed. Getting pricing.
- b. Events / Fundraising committee (Driscoll, Gleason, Jansma, Welch) – In July we will be hosting the 9-11 LL Softball State Tournament.
We will put together a list of all naming rights that are left to sell at the park and restart the Buy a Brick campaign.
- c. Communication (Braybrook, DeHaan, Whalen) no report
- d. Finance Committee (Whalen, Bradford, Steffens) no report

11. Approval of Bills – Motioned by Bradford, supported by Dehaan. Passed 7-0

12. Communications – Rob Steffens stated we received donations for Concessions meat from the following. Michigan Apple Packers for \$1,000, Apple Wood Fresh for \$1,500, and Elite Apple for \$2,500.

13. Public Comment –

14. Adjournment – 8:32