

Sparta Recreational Authority
Kent County, Michigan
Minutes for the meeting held
June 4, 2026 at 7pm
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, Bradford present. 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 as amended. Supported by Dehaan, Passed 6-0
6. Public Comment – None
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Parking Lot Gravel – Rob discussed some possibilities for donated gravel to cover the sand that the drain contractor installed.
8. New Business
 - a. Parking lot seal coat: The village obtained 3 bids for sealing and restriping the lot. Motion by Whalen to allow the construction/operations committee to review and issue a PO to get this work done. Supported by Bradford. Passed 6-0
 - b. T Ball Fencing: Little League fenced the 3 T Ball fields for \$10,000. They are asking if the park would reimburse them half. They plan to use this money to help install batting cages. Motion by Whalen. Supported by DeHaan. Passed 6-0
 - c. Batting cages: Little League would like permission to install two batting cages with concrete pads. The board's consensus was in the affirmative.
9. Committee Reports
 - a. Construction/ Operations Committee (Steffens, Braybrook, Driscoll, DeHaan) – Whalen has secured donations of two shipping containers. Driscoll will facilitate
 - b. Events / Fundraising Committee (Driscoll, DeHaan, Welch) – We will have another State Little League Softball tournament this year, and the park will be hosting the Meijer State Games in June.
 - c. Communication (Braybrook, DeHaan, Whalen) no report
 - d. Finance Committee (Whalen, Bradford, Steffens) Report by Steffens
10. Approval of Bills – With the addition of the invoice for Concessions workers and field maintenance. Moved by Bradford, supported by DeHaan. Passed 6-0

11. Communications – Driscoll stated that he will have new board appointees for the next meeting from the SARA group.
12. Public Comment – None
13. Adjournment – 7:58 Motion by Braybrook, supported by Driscoll. Passed 6-0