December 8, 2025

IOSCO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION MINUTES

Board-In Person

Commissioners Present: Jane Hayward, Scott Wesley, Brian Loeffler, Fred Strauer, Jerry Smith, Gary Blaser, Benjamin Brewer, Sue Reilly

Absent: Bob Leslie and Jim McArdle.

Vacant: None.

Also Present: Jamie Carruthers-Soboleski, County Controller/Finance Director; **Kathleen Murphy**, Board Secretary/Housing Director; **Dan Piorkowske**, Groomer; **Joel Foster**, Groomer; **Ken Foster**, Oscoda resident

Meeting called to order by Gary Blaser, Commission Chairperson, at 3:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Brewer motions to approve the agenda and Hayward seconds. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: **November 10, 2025**

Strauer motions to approve November 10, 2025, minutes and Reilly seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Matters and Concerns:

None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Committee Reports:

Bike/Hiking Trails

Hayward – Baldwin Township sent a thank you letter for their grant.

Snowmobile/ORV Trails

Blaser – Meeting in Newberry – Jessica Holley-Roehrs from the DNR was taking questions and concerns. **Trail Grooming** – Grooming as usual. Will come back in January to review how much of the grant has been used.

Park Development

None.

Develop Iosco: Tourism and Recreation Committee

None.

Dam Prosperity Committee

Blaser – Read comments sent from McArdle – Said that licensing should stay the same with the new owners.

Agreement w/ POR

Loeffler – Licensing should not change. The new buyers still have to pass FERC background.

Public Comments and Concerns:

None.

Payment of Bills and Per Diems:

Brewer motions to pay the bills and per diems for the month of December and Hayward seconds. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 12, 2026. Motioned by Strauer and seconded by Brewer. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully:

Kathleen Murphy, Board Secretary/Housing Director
Iosco County Board of Commissioners

Community	Date Requested	Date Completed	Project	Amount
Plainfield	23-Dec	23-Jul	Pavilion	$25,000.00
Iosco Ag. Society	22-Dec	23-Sep	Campground/Grandstand	$25,000.00
Whittemore	23-Oct	23-Oct	Playground	$25,000.00
Whittemore	24-Oct	24-Oct	Playground Equipment	$25,000.00
Alabaster	24-Sep	24-Dec	Porta Potty Enclosure	$4,744.00
Iosco Ag. Society	24-Sep	25-Jul	Bathroom Livestock Building	$24,700.00
Plainfield	24-Dec	November 2025	Pickleball	$25,000.00
AuSable	24-Dec	25-Jan	Bike Path	$25,000.00
City of East Tawas	25-Mar		Dog Park	$25,000.00
City of Tawas City	25-May		Music Park	$25,000.00
Oscoda	25-May		Benches for Beach Park	$25,000.00
Baldwin Township	Jun-25	Oct-25	Sidewalk to the Point	$25,000.00
Whittemore	Jul-25	November 2025	Park Cameras and Fencing	$25,000.00