

Waterloo Township Unapproved Board Meeting Minutes
28 April 2026 7:00 P.M.
9773 Mt. Hope Road
Munith, MI 49259

Call to Order and Pledge: 7:00 p.m.

Board members Present: Supervisor D. Lance, Clerk B. Richardson, Treasurer W. Walz, Trustee J. Beck, Trustee J. McAlister

Board members Absent: None

➤ Quorum present

Also present: Commissioner M. Walz, Deputy Boulter and several residents

Public Comment:

- Matt Benz (Jackson, MI) – read a letter from Ruth Burgess (of Waterloo Twp) opposing some of the proposed zoning map changes (see attached statement).
- Vince Morency – provided comment, opposing some of the proposed zoning changes (see attached statement).
- Jessica Benz (Jackson, MI) – provided comment opposing some of the proposed zoning changes (see attached statement).
- Matt Benz (Jackson, MI) – read a letter for Grace Morency expressing opposition to some of the proposed zoning changes (see attached statement).
- Lisa Morency email read by Carmen Burgess (Waterloo Twp) – expressing opposition to the zoning changes and questioned the notification process (see attached statement).
- Carmen Burgess (Waterloo Twp) – read a statement opposing some of the proposed changes and also questioned the noticing process (see attached statement).

Consent Agenda:

- Richardson proposed to add two items under new business:
 - j. Amrize (formerly Holcim, formerly Agg Industries) update
 - k. Coachmen’s Cove electrical code concerns
- W. Walz motioned, McAlister support to accept the consent agenda as amended.
 - Aye/all, Nay/none. Motion carried.
- SAESA – no update
- Police report – Deputy Boulter provided a report, highlighting some details from the last month’s work in the township. Summary includes: Deputies assigned to Waterloo Township worked 175 hours, handled 107 calls for service, conducted 34 traffic stops, and made 3 in-custody arrests.

Correspondence:

- Update from Commissioner M. Walz. Details are in the attached email from Commissioner Walz. Further updates at tonight’s meeting included:

- The Law Enforcement contracts were passed at the last Jackson County Board of Commissioners meeting.
- An individual was selected for the WellWise Area Agency for Aging board at the last Jackson County Board of Commissioners meeting.
- This year's Civil War Muster (Aug 20-23) will include multiple organizations from out of state due to the America 250 theme.
- Randy Koch submitted a complaint to the Supervisor about a local bike race not being communicated to the residents. (The event was posted on the township website and also on the township Facebook page).

Old Business:

- Zoning Ordinance Text and Map Amendments – Planning Commission Chair Steere gave a brief update of the amendments and addressed some of the comments expressed during public comment. Board members discussed amendments to the proposed zoning map. As a result of those discussions, 13 parcels on the proposed map will not be updated and will retain an 'Agricultural' classification. Motion by Richardson, support by McAlister to accept the Zoning Ordinance text amendments as presented and the proposed zoning map as amended. Aye/all, Nay/none, motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Planning Commission** – report by Beck:
 - Planning Commission has appointed members to a "Data Center" subcommittee to discuss potential zoning ordinance updates for Data Centers. First meeting will be Thursday April 30th at 1:00 pm.
- b. **Parks and Recreation** – Treasurer Walz provided an update. See attached draft minutes for details.
- c. **America 250 Update** – Clerk Richardson provided an update, sharing the following:
 - The committee is now ordering prizes, equipment and decorations for the event.
 - Signs to advertise the event will be placed throughout the township soon. One is already in place at the entrance to the township offices.
 - Emmons Services has recently agreed to donate a 10 yard dumpster to assist in cleanup for our America 250 event.
 - The A250 Volunteer Committee will keep soliciting for more donations and will also focus more now on volunteers as we get closer to the event date. The Township will need 15-20 volunteers to make the event a success. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Clerk's office at 517-596-8400 or email at clerk@waterlootwpmi.gov.
 - More information on the event can be found here: <https://waterlootwpmi.gov/america-250-celebration/>
- d. **Annual Performance Reviews for Office Personnel**
 - **Deputy Clerk** – the Clerk provided a summary of the Deputy Clerk's performance and requested feedback from the board. Motion by Richardson, support by Lance, to increase the Deputy Clerk's pay \$1/hour, effective May 1st. Roll call vote – Walz/yes, Richardson/yes, Lance/yes, Beck/yes, McAlister/yes. Motion carried.

- **Building Clerk / Admin Asst** – the Supervisor provided a summary of the Building Clerk’s performance and requested feedback from the board. Motion by Lance, support by Richardson, to increase the Building Clerk’s pay \$1/hour, effective May 1st. Roll call vote – Walz/yes, Richardson/yes, Lance/yes, Beck/yes, McAlister/yes. Motion carried.
- e. **Budget Workshop** – date set for Monday May 18th at 6:00 pm
- f. **Special Outdoor Events**
 - May 16th – Marshall Mud Bog
 - June 6th – The Huron 100 Endurance Run
 - June 27th – Tri-Goddess Triathlon
 - July 3rd – the Waterloo Township “America 250” Celebration
 - August 29th – Marshall Mud Bog
- g. **Superior Industrial service contract** – Board discussed a service contract for the on-site generator.
- h. **Katz/Fowler Boundary Line Adjustment** – B. Steere gave a report on the boundary line adjustment application and there was discussion by the board. Motion by Lance, support by Beck to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment as presented. Aye/all, Nay/none, motion carried.
- i. **Ron Roy Zoning Permit** – no discussion required, item withdrawn from the agenda.
- j. **Amrize (formerly Agg Industries) update** – Richardson provided a brief update on the status of the Amrize operation and its operating permit.
- k. **Coachman’s Cove Electrical Code concerns** – the board discussed some potential code issues at Coachman’s Cove.

Any Other Business That Comes to the Board:

- The board discussed potential funding and assessment of roads within the township. Commissioner Walz again reviewed the funding process and delays the county is experiencing regarding funding from the state. Residents are encouraged to contact:
 - JCDOT - 517-788-4230
 - Senator Shink’s office: 517-373-2426, SenSShink@senate.michigan.gov
 - Representative Conlin’s office: 517-373-7557, JenniferConlin@house.mi.gov
- The board discussed the annual bidding process for things like grass mowing and snow plowing.

Public Comment:

- Sarah Walz requested input from the board members for the annual newsletter (which is included in the summer tax mailing).

Adjournment:

- W. Walz motioned with support from McAlister to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Aye/all; no/none. Motion carried.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The next regular Township Board meeting will be on Tuesday May 26th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Board meeting minutes will be published in The Exponent and on the Waterloo Township website (waterlootwpmi.gov.)

Submitted by: Bill Richardson, Clerk

Waterloo Township
April 28th Township Board
Meeting Attachments

To the Waterloo Township Board

4/28/2026

Re: Do not approve of the Planning Commission's Zoning recommendations of my 2
Parcels: #000-05-31-200-001-06 and 000-05-32-3000-002-00

As I understand it, this meeting tonight is for you to discuss and hear citizen's concerns about the Zoning map and Ordinances, and then you have the power to accept or deny the Planning Commissions proposed Zoning Maps and Updated Ordinances.

Looking at the proposed zoning map, I was shocked to see the sweeping changes to parcels that were removed from RNF. Most of the RNF Parcels were supposed to go to R-1, yet less than ½ of the 353 RNF Parcels were rezoned R-1 and I was NOT one of the lucky ones that got Residential, instead my parcels were degraded to Ag Zoning.

In general it appears to me the zoning changes are arbitrary, confiscatory and will severely impact hundreds of property owners. I suspect they have no knowledge of what the Planning Commission is proposing to do with their private land, that is, until they want to improve or develop their private land and then, they will find out they have been unbelievably taken advantage of .

I also suspect the reason landowners don't show up at meetings is because they trust the Planning commission, that was appointed by you elected board members, to be looking out for their best interests. But just look at what they have done! Behind the landowners backs, the Planning Commission is deviously proposing to down zone and down grade 170 Parcels. This should not be allowed to happen. Think about that! Did **your** parcels get degraded? Did the Planning Commission change **your** parcels or did it just happen to an unlucky 170 family's

I'm appealing to you to think long and hard about how you would feel if your legacy and your descendants legacy was being crushed. I am deeply offended and upset about the Planning Commission's proposed zoning changes.

The Parcels I'm referring to above are my approved RNF land and the Vining Campground Parcel that is R-4, both have been proposed to be zoned down to AG. The reasons the Planning Commission gives to justify the rezoning of these parcels are:

The Main Reason is to "preserve the TWP as is; Agricultural, rural & open space". Those of us who grew up on a farm, know that farming is an unsustainable lively hood. Small Farms struggle to stay in business as it is - between the ever increasing taxes, Industrial Farm competition and deer herd, Canadian Geese & Sandhill cranes that devastate crop yields. The DNR & State own 2/3 rds of this township, that will remain Open Space wilderness area. How much more open space does the Township require to stay rural.

Another reason for these changes is "to control future development". Doing away with RNF classification, forces the TWP to rezone our Parcel. It would be reasonable to rezone it R-3 (1 acre per house) instead of AG (3 Acre per house) to preserve 2 Acres.

The surrounding residential area is 1 acre parcels making R-3 a consistent and reasonable progression in zoning and development.

A third reason is to Protect the environment and residents". This Parcel is 200+ acres providing a large buffer zone of forest & wetlands to the North & East around the farm, and existing residential area to the south & west. Any future development is not a threat to the surrounding wetlands.

The final reason is to "avoid spot zoning". This Parcel abuts a residential area; a R-3 area and a Platted area with ¼ Acre lots , therefore R-3 would be compatible and not create spot zoning. The Parcel is within 200 feet of the lake making it eligible for "lake residential" zoning= R-3 and remaining in an established residential node.

Vining Campground Parcel : As you know this Parcel has been a viable campground for 69 years, yet the Planning Commission now proposes to change the zoning from R-4 to AG. This Parcel does not qualify as AG, as it is not tillable. This land has never, nor could ever, be used as farming. The campground has its own well and septic that was approved by the Jackson County Health Department. It was purchased as zoned R-4 and will continue to be a successful respected seasonal campground for Jason's descendants.

It is wrong to limit the reasonable expectations of a business by zoning their property rights and birthright away from them. I appeal to you to instruct the Planning Commission to retain the R-4 zoning as it has been for Years. R-4 is reasonable and appropriate zoning for this parcel.

In closing I trust that you 5 board members will return some semblance of honor & trust to the reclassification process by guiding the Planning Commission and at least classify the RNF parcels to Residential 1,2 or 3 instead of degrading them to AG. That would be an honorable thing to do and hopefully bring trust back to the Commission.

I urge you to recognize how unfair this proposed reclassification is and use logic and unbiased criteria to understand how these monumental changes will detrimentally effect hundreds of your neighbor's lives.

I hope you have the courage to reject the Planning Commissions proposed Rezoning Map as presented and insist they classify all the RNF to residential.

Thank you,

Please include this statement in the minutes

Regards,

Ruth Burgess 517-914-6063

608 Dorbert Drive Munith MI 49259

To: Waterloo Township Planning Board

My name is Vince Morency and I am the grandson of Bob and Ruth Burgess my mother is Lisa. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I commend you for pursuing public office and thank you for your service.

For me, what makes this country the greatest country in the history of existence is civil liberties followed by land ownership upon which small businesses are built.

I am speaking tonight on behalf of landowner's rights and in support of small business owners such as Jason Worthing and my family.

As you can see, we are not a large corporation, we are a small family that has a demonstrated history of responsible land stewardship. Whether it is my ancestors donating land to create Ready County Park with the expressed condition that it provided free access to the lake and without additional development; there are the donation's my grandmother and Aunt personally gave towards the replacement playground equipment at the park and very expensive endeavor of holding the Calderon Pig Farm accountable, to prevent polluting the communities ground water and Big Portage Lake.

My siblings and I are the "next generation" and we are committed to continuing the responsible stewardship of my family's land. It was instilled in us at an early age that not only was the land to be appreciated but that it was to be respected and it was our responsibility to maintain it.

Since I was a young boy, when I wasn't in the woods with my grandfather learning how to tie knots or watching the sandhill cranes, my grandmother was packing me a lunch and sending me back into the woods with my Jack Russell Terrier because I talked too much (the 80's were a different time). This experience is one that I am committed to preserving for my daughter Lila and nephew Henry and niece Evie and their children as was done for me.

My conservative values are steeped in the notion that government is for the people and by the people and is not intended to be more restrictive. However, the only individuals voicing concern on these proposed changes are adamantly opposed to them, citing these changes are far too restrictive.

My ask is that you truly listen to specific concerns voiced by my grandmother & aunt as well as the other property owners that are here tonight or have sent other correspondence.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully submitted,



Vince Morency



To the Waterloo Township Planning Commission,

April 28, 2026

My name is Jessica Benz. I am the granddaughter of Ruth Burgess and the niece of Carmen Burgess.

Our family has lived in and cared for this area for generations. We are not a large corporation or outside developer; we are a small family with land ownership of 189 years and 130 years history of responsible land leasing stewardship. We value the lake, the land, the rural character, and the surrounding community. My siblings and I are part of the next generation who will someday inherit land on Big Portage Lake, and we fully intend to continue caring for it with the same respect and responsibility that was passed down to us.

In the future, if farming the land is no longer feasible for our family or our children, we would like to preserve the opportunity to use and develop it in a thoughtful and responsible way.

We ask the Township to carefully reconsider several proposed zoning changes that affect previously approved residential and recreational classifications. In particular, we are concerned that previously granted RNF, R-3, and R-4 approvals are not being preserved.

Vining Park

Parcel #000-05-32-300-002-00

We ask that Vining Park be restored to R-4 zoning. Seasonal trailer parks represent an existing land use and business interest. This parcel has historically served a recreational and seasonal residential purpose, and rezoning it to agricultural does not appear to reflect its current or intended future use. This change would also affect a small business that has been established for 68 years and the rights of a landowner. We ask the Township to consider the impact this change may have not only on future planning goals, but also on small business owners and current residents.

Farm Remainder

Parcel #000-05-31-200-001-06

We request that this parcel remain residential or be zoned R-3/Lake Residential. This parcel was approved for RNF in 2004 and is located in a residential node. We ask that the Township honor this prior approval and provide a comparable residential classification.

We understand the Township's desire to simplify the zoning map and plan responsibly for the future. However, rezoning a significant number of parcels with prior residential classification may unintentionally create confusion, reduce property value, and weaken residents' trust in the zoning process. Many of these concerns are not opposition to planning itself, but concern that some proposed changes do not reflect prior approvals or the expectations landowners reasonably relied upon.

For these reasons, we ask the Township to reconsider these proposed zoning changes and preserve previously approved residential and recreational classifications.

Please enter these comments into the Public hearing minutes.

Thank you,

Jessica Benz

3857 Thorncrest Dr.
Jackson, MI 49203

517-581-6845

To the Waterloo Township Board – 4/28/26

My name is Grace Morency, and like others who have spoken and written, my family has deep, generational roots in this community. Our connection to this land is personal and long-standing, shaped by years of care and lived experience. We are not developers or corporations, but a family that has consistently invested in maintaining and respecting the rural character of this township.

I also want to emphasize the importance of listening carefully to the specific concerns raised by my grandma, Ruth Burgess, my Aunt, Carmen Burgess, as well as my siblings and others directly impacted. These perspectives come from firsthand experience with the land and reflect long-term stewardship, not short-term interests.

While the zoning process may have met minimum legal requirements, the way these changes have been communicated and advanced raises broader concerns around transparency and fairness. Decisions of this scale—impacting a significant number of parcels and long-held property expectations—should prioritize clear communication and meaningful engagement with those most directly affected.

There are also concerns regarding the proposed changes to minimum lot sizes and whether decisions are being made using accurate and consistent mapping. The relationship between the existing land use map, the zoning map, and the future land use map should be clear and aligned. At present, it is not evident that this full context—past, present, and future—is being properly considered.

Additionally, the proposed rezoning introduces inconsistencies with existing development patterns. Parcels adjacent to established residential areas—primarily one-acre and smaller lots—are being rezoned to agricultural designations with larger minimum acreage requirements. A zoning classification such as R-3 would more closely align with surrounding parcel sizes and uses, whereas larger agricultural minimums create a mismatch that disrupts continuity in land use.

We support responsible planning and protections for the environment, including septic and groundwater considerations. However, these concerns may be better addressed through targeted ordinances rather than broad zoning changes that may overcomplicate the framework and unnecessarily impact existing property rights.

Ultimately, this is about achieving a balance that protects the character of our area while planning for the future. I ask that you carefully consider these concerns, listen to the input of affected families, and work toward solutions that reflect both the land and the people who have long cared for it.

We respectfully ask the Board to not approve the proposed zoning map and instead guide the Planning Commission to apply more consistent, reasonable rezoning criteria.

Please include this letter in the minutes.

Sincerely,

Grace Morency



grace.morency174@gmail.com 517-740-2076 Address: 1533 Fischer St Detroit, MI 48214

Clerk

From: Carmen Burgess <carbur001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2026 9:08 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Proposal to change Zoning Ordinances and Zoning Map

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **lisa morency** <lisamorency@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, Apr 28, 2026, 6:54 PM
Subject: Proposal to change Zoning Ordinances and Zoning Map
To: <ssupervisor@waterlootwpmi.gov>

Dear Waterloo Township Board members;

Regarding the proposal to re-zone and change the Waterloo Township's zoning map; I urge you to vote "No" for several reasons:

- 1) The existing zoning ordinances soundly reflect the Master Plan- providing recreational, open spaces and few residential areas in comparison.
- 2) Due process was not followed in regard to notifying any property owners of re-zoning and appears to have violated property owners rights, according to:
 - **Governing Law:** The [Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006](#)
 - **Notice and Hearing:** Before a zoning amendment (rezoning) is adopted, the Township Zoning Commission must hold a public hearing. Notice of this hearing must be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least 15 days before the hearing.
 - **Individual Property Notice:** Notice must also be mailed or personally delivered to the owners of the property in question and to all persons to whom real property is assessed within 300 feet of the property in question.
 - **Amendment Procedure:** The zoning commission submits the proposed amendment to the township board for approval. If approved by a majority vote, the amendment is adopted.
 - **Right of Referendum:** Residents may petition for a referendum to approve or reject the zoning amendment, as outlined in [MCL 125.3402](#).
 - **Nonconforming Uses:** The act allows for the regulation of nonconforming property
- 3) The suggested re-zoning to Agricultural unduly puts a burden on long-standing businesses to thrive in the future.

Given that these items may have been unknown or overlooked in the drafting of these ordinances, I again ask that you vote "No" on this proposal.

Respectfully,

Lisa Morency

517 962-3291

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

To the Waterloo Township Board

4/28/26

Purpose: Deny approval of the Planning Commissions Proposed Zoning Map

& Insist upon the following criteria to be met, prior to the Boards Approval:

#1 Restore Parcel # 000-05-31-200-001-06 to residential; Lake Residential R-3. & #2 Restore Parcel # 000-05-32-300-002-00 to R-4 . Please see earlier letters, emails and Public Hearing public comments for details.

#3 Properly notify property owners and adjacent Parcels of proposed zoning changes

according to (202(3), MCL 125.3202 (3). The PC is proposing to change the zoning on the Vining Campground an R-4 Parcel to AG. This Parcel is adjacent to less than 11 Parcels. Therefore it is my understanding that it and those adjacent Parcel owners should have been notified by mail of the change. It is my understanding that discontinuing a classification which instigates reclassifying Parcels does not require "Notice" as it is waved due to the financial burden on the township to mail more than 11 letters. The Vining Campground is an individual change instigated by the PC it should NOT matter that these changes were happening at the same time as the reclassification of RNF and AG1 and AG2 properties. IT seems to me the PC is taking advantage of this laws waivers to change Zoning with out the Parcel owners knowledge. I can think of 5 zoning changes in our area that are NOT part of the RNF or AG1 or AG2 reclassification, that should have been handled as individual zoning changes or instead put on the FUTURE USE MAP.

#4 Include an Actual or Existing Use map & a Future Land Use Map / Planning Map in the Master Plan. **Existing Land Use Map:** "Existing land use maps help with planning and zoning. Assessment maps are used for property valuation and taxation" Therefore the map titled "Existing Map" in the current Master Plan is mislabeled, & an Existing Land Use Map needs to be added.

"Future Land Use Map (FLUM): it designates what *should* happen in the future, 20 year plan (e.g., "Future Residential"). It is visionary and flexible." I have seen a Future Use Map from 2000 Master plan yet it doesn't match the DNR designated Boundry and is not in the current Master Plan. This Future Use Map is where many of the PC's proposed changes belong.

"Zoning Map: Defines legal, enforceable districts (e.g., R-1 Residential). It must generally be consistent with the master plan's future use goals."

"The planning map or Future Land Use Map shows what the community wants to happen, while the zoning map shows what is *currently allowed*." MSU.

#5 Revisit The "Updated Zoning Map Draft" and eliminate spot zoning. Many areas on the proposed map appear to be spot zoning (some were corrected at the last PC meeting, yet many remain.) 169 parcels changed from RNF to AG! 184 Parcels change to R-1 regardless of size, or if they are in a residential node,etc. especially near Hannewald Rd / Portage Lake Rd. Other parcels on Riethmiller Road that were AG are now proposed to be Commercial even though they are abutting the DNR land on 3 sides. Another Parcel that was R-4 is now Commercial.

We urge the TWP to achieve their Master Plan goals without preemption and without overreach. Under the Guise of "simplifying the map" by getting rid of RNF, the PC is rezoning 353 Parcels 1/5 of the TWP's Parcels and disregarding legally approved zoning. 170 Parcels went from 2 Acre minimum lot size to 3 Acres with large front setbacks using up more wilderness and Farm land to build a home. This does not preserve Farmland or Wilderness and goes against the Master Plan. If the PC had taken a reasonable approach they would have changed all the RNF parcels to 2 acre residential Parcels and postponed rezoning all Parcels AG on the Future Land Use Map.

The TWP PC has overstepped their authority by trying to control instead of guide, trampling the rights of the landowners by disregarded previously granted RNF rezoning, purposely devaluing our RNF and R-4 parcel, and may be creating Exclusionary Zoning. Furthermore the PC is preoccupied with protecting the (WSRA) DNR's "dedicated" boundary and overly concerned with unsubstantiated fears of overdevelopment, overcrowded lakes and fears of septic system failures in our area.

In some areas the rezoning criteria like 'future use' or WSRA boundaries, seems to be ignored (ie:Freeze Technology was proposed rezoned from Ag to Industrial, when it is next to a wetland and in the WSRA dedicated boundary and then reversed, when challenged by a resident).

* Some areas the PC considered the current use to base their decision, and others the PC disregard this. These are arbitrary and capricious zoning classification decisions that must be reconsidered before they are formally challenged.

In light of all the information and evidence we have presented and procedural issues raised, we are asking the Board to deny approval of the proposed zoning changes. If the PC and Board do not take these issues into serious consideration, it erases all trust the residents have in the process and in your guidance.

Please enter these comments into the Township Board Meeting minutes.



Carmen Burgess 517-914-8553 carbur001@gmail.com

5098 Schrah Drive, Munith MI 49259

Clerk

From: Margie Walz <MWalz@mijackson.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 1:36 PM
To: Clerk; Andy Grimes; John Lesinski; Bill Sutherland; hlinnabary@leonitownship.com; Supervisor; s.edgar@villageofgrasslake.com; Philip Duckham
Subject: Good Afternoon Supervisors,

Good Afternoon Supervisors,

What a month March was! I attended events/meetings nearly every day. I traveled the roads, took pictures and emailed them to the appropriate people. It was indeed a very busy month.

JCDOT is out patching, has multiple projects scheduled, including Trist Road Bridge and Albion Road Bridge. I have seen them out patching and starting the spring work.

JCDOT reports the estimated cost to bring Jackson County roads to good condition would be \$350 - 400 million dollars. We are still waiting to see how the federal and state dollars will pan out for the counties across Michigan.

In Public Safety and Transportation meeting, Judge Goestrey introduced Judge Hughes. She was recently appointed to fill the vacancy of Judge Wilson. In the 12 district Court, Jeremy reported an increase of nearly 4,000 cases, with foot traffic in the courthouse to be 110,000 entries in 2025.

Circuit court Jake Stressman the new circuit court administrator gave us an Updated overview of the court operations.

The Sheriff presented Law Enforcement contracts for renewal and expansion with Parma Township and Sandstone Charter Township. We recommended to move to the full board next Tuesday with our support.

In General Government, Accelerate Jackson proposed resolutions to abolish the JCBRA agreement for a Dollar General, and Jackson Self Storage. These businesses have cleaned the properties, and built new businesses that are now fully functional.

We also heard from multiple departments and received their reports.

The Human Services Committee was presented with monthly, semi-annual and Annual reports from 5 departments. Several very good and qualified citizens applied for appointment to the Well Wise board. The committee voted on candidates and have moved them to the full board with recommendations.

Parks Board, Special Events Applications to use County Parks include GL Hydroplane, Aug 21- Civil War Muster Aug 20-23.

Upcoming is the Reptile Expo at the American 1 Events Center April 18, 10 A - 3P.

Pleasant Lake Playground Installation is planned to be complete prior to Memorial Day.

Saturday May 9 is Free Museum Day. It will be between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm. A new participant will be the Sparks Museum at the Cascades.

Fair Board: Fair week Aug 9 - 15, The line up looks like the Rodeo on Sunday, Monster Trucks on Monday, Karin Wren Pop Experience on Tuesday, Community Worship night on Wednesday, Tractor Pulls on Friday and the Demo Derby on Saturday.

Ground Acts will include the Foam Zone, a Live Stingray Encounter and Popping Penelope! Penelope will be bringing a wide variety of entertainment so keep a look-out. Her talents include escape artist magician, juggler, stilt walker, ballon artist, mentalist, Human statue and hypnotist. Have fun finding her as you wonder the fair this year. Also on the small stage we will have "Elvis" on Monday, K105.3 Karaoke Contest Friday, and Thursday an America 250 Celebration featuring live music from 2p - 7p, by Grand Rife and the Rifleman band.

Sent from my iPad

Waterloo Township Parks & Recreation Committee

March 14, 2026 Minutes (unapproved)

Present: Wendy Walz, Steve Owsinski, Randy Heatley, Sarah Gamache. **Absent:** Jeff Melvin

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes from March 10, 2026, were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Public Comment: None

Recreation Plan: The township board has approved and adopted the plan, and the plan has been submitted to Region 2. Wendy is working on getting confirmation from Jacob at Region 2 that everything is in order, at which point we will submit to the DNR.

Munith Community Park: Wendy talked to Stockbridge students who are learning construction about building the safety borders. Wendy is going to put in for the \$5,000 risk reduction grant (ParPlan) for Michigan townships. That should pay for everything needed at this time.

Earth Day: Wendy has red, white & blue flowers ready to plant. We are waiting to hear back from the Girl Scouts to see if they are able to plant them. If not, our committee will find another day to plant.

Flags/Christmas Decorations: We inspected the existing flags at the start of the meeting. Wendy is ordering new flags, which will be made in the USA. We are adding a few poles for this year for America250. There will be a total of 20 flags. There will also be a 5x7 flag for the park. Wendy is talking to the fire department about getting them up by the middle of May. Old flags still in good condition will be offered to residents in need of a flag.

America 250: Randy has updated the Revolutionary War grave document that will be distributed at the celebration in July. Wendy will share with the board for one round of edits. We'll touch base on May 5 for final plan for placing the flowers at the grave locations.

Walking Path: Sarah found map overlays with wetland data for the township property. There is a marsh and a freshwater forested shrub wetland. We will plan on using iNaturalist to inventory the property. Steve will create a project and invite everyone. Sarah will be able to import the data and map it. Rusty chainsawed invasive shrubs and will plan on mowing the field this spring. We are looking into creating a geocache or treasure hunt.

New Business: None

Hall activities: Monday evening: Strength/Conditioning. Monday & Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Senior exercise class. Wednesday: 5:30 beginning line-dancing; 6:30 intermediate line-dancing.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 8:00 a.m at Munith Community Park. **This is a week earlier than normal.** This will be a working meeting at the park for cleanup and inspection of the grounds and equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Owsinski

Earth Day 2026

Grass Lake Cub Scouts Troop 4362 – You kids rocked it out at the Waterloo Township Offices! We appreciate your hard work and look forward to seeing what new residents your houses bring in!

Thank you!





