Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission
August 19, 2026 3:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting Agenda
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Mission Statement:
The mission of the Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission is to enhance well-being by stewarding a connected system of natural communities and promoting outdoor experiences.

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call: Bush
   Greenlee
   Harris
   Hill
   Kuyers
   Longstreet
   McAffrey
   Miedema
   Rice
   Sachs

3. Absences (excused/unexcused)

4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
   a) Approve the minutes of the Commission's June 17, 2026 regular meeting.

6. Communications
   a) Ferrysburg Cell Tower

7. Public Comment (Public comments limited to 3 minutes)

8. Staff Reports
   a) Director's Report
   b) Park Operations Report
   c) Planning and Development Report
   d) Community Engagement Report
   e) Natural Resources Management Report
   f) Development Report
   g) Visitor and Business Services Report
   h) Visitation Report

9. Committee Reports
   a) Executive Committee – July 6 and August 10, 2026 Meeting Report (verbal)
   b) Finance & Policy Committee – July 14 and August 11, 2026 Meeting Reports
   c) Planning Committee – August 6, 2026 Meeting Report
   d) Ottawa County Parks Foundation Update (*verbal*)

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business:
    a) Rosy Mound Expansion Phase 1 Improvements Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant
    Suggested motion: *To approve the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Development Project Agreement and Resolution for the Rosy Mound Expansion (TF25-0079).*

    b) Idema Explorers Trail Bass River Segment Phase 2 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant
    Suggested Motion: *To approve the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Development Project Agreement and Resolution for the Idema Explorers Trail Bass River Segment Phase 2 (TF25-0139) and authorize a budget adjustment to CP2211 to match the grant agreement.*

    c) Forner Trail Easement Agreement
    Suggested motion: *To approve the easement agreement with Philip and Diane Forner to facilitate construction the Allendale Segment of the Idema Explorers Trail, and forward to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. Further, the Parks Director is instructed to take such actions as are necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in these matters.*

    d) Bend Area Master Plan Update Consultant Selection
    Suggested motion: *To accept the proposal from VIRIDIS Design Group for professional services to update the master plan for the Bend Area at a cost of $103,677.50 and forward to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. Further, the Parks Director is instructed to take such actions as are necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in these matters.*

    e) Historic Ottawa Beach Walkway Retaining Wall Repairs
    Suggested motion: *To approve the bid from Nexgen Construction in the amount of $80,780 for repairs to retaining walls along walkways at the Historic Ottawa Beach Parks and to forward to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval. Further, to authorize the Parks Director to take such actions as are necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in these matters.*

    f) Holiday Pay for Seasonal and Part-Time Limited-Benefit Employees
    Suggested motion: *To approve, effective FY2027, holiday pay at one and one-half times the regular hourly rate for eligible seasonal and part-time limited-benefit Ottawa County Parks employees for hours worked on designated County holidays, consistent with applicable County policies and procedures, and to authorize the Parks Director to take such actions as are necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in this matter.*

g) Request for Telecommunications Tower at Ottawa Sands

Suggested motion: *To decline, as currently presented, the City of Ferrysburg's request to make Ottawa Sands property available for placement of a telecommunications tower; to authorize the Parks Director to respond on behalf of the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission through the attached letter, or substantially similar correspondence; and to authorize the Director to continue participating in discussions regarding alternative solutions that do not create unacceptable impacts, costs, regulatory obligations, or risks to the Ottawa County Parks system, with any future proposal involving the use of Parks property to be brought back to the Commission for consideration, and to take such actions as are necessary to implement the intent of the Commission in this matter.*

12. Public Comment (Public comments limited to 3 minutes)

13. Commissioners Prerogative

14. Closed Session to discuss property acquisition Pursuant to the OMA Section 8d (not enclosed).

15. Proposed upcoming meeting date:
    September 16, 2026
    Time: 3:00 p.m.
    Fillmore Complex, Board Room

16. Adjournment