



Village of Lawrence

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Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes 157 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, MI 49064 January 18th, 2026

Present: M.Carpp, A.Lorenzo, D.Vanzoran, T.Griffin

Absent: D.Gribler, T.Reynnells

Meeting started: 6:00pm

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call / Attendance

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

4. Public Comment

None

5. Old Business

- Playground Project Update
 - LWCF Grant status: We are happy to announce that we were approved for the matching grant in December 2025!!!We were first on the list, with the highest score awarded, 340pts!
- Fundraising Planning
 - We confirmed at the Village Council that donations have to come through the Village. We have Point and Pay for online payments and can look into options to utilize that as an option for people to make online donations for the Parks and Rec Playground fund. Point and Pay is not fully up and running to receive electronic donations, so we are still working on that. GoFundMe would be another option for a community member to run a personal fundraising under these ways
 - Current fundraising- we received a generous \$10,000 donation from Heelstone Renewable Energy in November 2025. Thank you to Anthony Rotar!
- Community outreach / sponsorships ideas
 - Previous fundraising efforts:



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- Noel McCaw, reached out to us and we gave him the EIN for the village but since we are only a 501c, public non-profit, we don't qualify for the following:

Hi Alicia and John,

Based on my quick research, it appears that the Village of Lawrence is not a non-profit and does not have a 501(c)(3) number. If this is correct, the Benevity platform will most likely not approve the addition of the organization to the approved matching organization option.

That said, if you have not already done so, have you considered creating a non-profit specific to the fundraising initiative for the park grant? I am not sure if this is even a possibility, but it would allow me and any other Pfizer employee to get matches for 1:1 donations and then 2:1 donations to the effort twice a year (once in June and once on Giving Tuesday in Dec), not to mention the tax deductions for other donors. If you decide to look into this, I can help dig into what would be involved to establish a 501(c)(3) for the new playground grant sponsorship program.

Noel J. McCaw

Pfizer Global Supply – Kalamazoo, Michigan

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8. Open Discussion

Inquire with Rich Glista about Marajuana funds being used towards Parks.

Ask Dale about DDA park projects

9. Action Items & Assignments

1st quarter goals for Jan-March:

1. **Secure electronic donation access and publicize the grant award and fundraising campaign to the community.**
 - a. Village website
 - b. Social media platforms



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- c. School website and parent letters
- 2. Get monthly updates from the treasurer on the Village Arbor account for total funds raised for the park.
- 3. Goal tracking sign to go in the park-

2nd quarter goals-

- 1. Get estimates for demo of existing playground-
 - a. Get ideas how we could repurpose existing wood
 - i. Archway to walk through

3rd quarter goals-

- 1. Survey to students on design, specific play structures they would like to see.
 - a. Maybe do a class election based on top play structure designs, and have the students vote on their favorite one.

10. Next Meeting Date & Time

Sunday, February 15th at 6:00pm at the Village Hall.

11. Adjournment

7:29pm