

# City of Charlotte

## Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting

911 W Shepherd St, Charlotte, MI 48813

February 17th, 2026 7:00PM

### Meeting Minutes

(No quorum)

1. Call to Order: 7:05 pm
2. Roll Call
  - Present: DPW Stephanie Whitney, Members: Nate Lovaas, Zach Story
  - Absent: Adrienne Van Langevelde, Cindy Miller, Abygail Maldonado, Council Representative Justin Brummette
3. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes –  
Previous meeting minutes from January 20th could not be approved without a quorum
4. Public Comment: None
5. Agenda Items
  - A. National Fitness Campaign virtual call
    - Jeff Pressly of the NFC presented to those in attendance about what the NFC is
    - Mr. Pressly presented about a Fitness Court that could be placed somewhere within the city parks
    - The fitness court is an outdoor workout center with outdoor body weight stations and a QR code on the wall that links to the NFC app on a smartphone.
    - Mr Pressly talked about the different steps it would take to install a fitness court. The first step would be leadership support, and that is why the idea is being presented to the Charlotte Parks Advisory Board.
    - Fitness courts without a studio cost over \$180,000 and with a studio they are over \$242,000.
    - DPW Director Whitney, Nate and Zach discussed where the money for this project would come from. It would have to be a joint fundraising effort if the board were to move forward with this project once a meeting is held with a quorum.
    - No vote was taken on this subject because there was no quorum.

#### B. Tree Nursery

- Justin Brummett, the council representative, is supposed to be planting the corner trees once the weather allows.
- Other trees can be secured potentially at the Eaton Conservation tree sale.

#### C. Mac Gobel Update

- All bleachers are fully torn down and gone.
- Shed in the back will be taken down as well

#### D. Bennett Park Layout

- Park has been surveyed. The survey is sufficient enough to get a design plan done
- Different scenic Bennett Park pictures were presented by DPW Stephannie Whitney at the last meeting. Zach hadn't seen them or the survey since he was absent last meeting. Director Whitney will email Zach the documents.

#### E. Park Maintenance Update

- Normal maintenance is ongoing for the winter. Plowing, snow Removal, Lincoln Park bathroom cleaning.
- Playground Equipment was dropped off for the Oak Park redesign project.

#### F. New Park Signs

- Director Whitney is working on a proof for new signs in Bennett Park.
- The signs will look like the approved signs at Oak Park but with Bennett Park's history on the back.
- All signs will have a different history specific to each park on the back.
- Zach got to see the completed sign for Oak Park.

#### G. Lincoln Park Trees

- Member Story opened the discussion on this topic stating the trees were cut down but he is optimistic new ones could be planted.
- New trees can be planted at the sole discretion of DPW Director Whitney. She would have to take another look at the schematic for the drain project and give her recommendation as to where she believes a safe distance is from the drainage creek for planting trees.
- Member Story presented an idea of pine trees being planted in a line where the old trees were cut down in the park. He presented it to Director Whitney as a possible Arbor Day project.

#### H. Tri-County Pathway

- Member Story was quickly brought up to speed on what the board voted on last meeting.
- No action was taken as this item was voted on at the last meeting when there was a quorum.

I. Next Parks Advisory Board Regular Meeting –  
April 21st, 2026

6. Board Member Comments: None

7. Adjournment: 8:18pm