



BANGOR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: MARCH 4, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: 257 W Monroe St Bangor, MI 49013

Bangor meetings are conducted in accordance with Michigan's Open Meeting Act (OMA), 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 et seq. and Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised.

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- **Call to Order**
 - **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Roll Call of Board Members**
 - **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - 02/04/25
 - **Unfinished Business**
 - Parks & Rec. 5-year Plan -all corrections made
 - **New Business**
 - Create a Survey Monkey public survey and student survey questions/answer choices based on our last meeting
 - Set up presentation for the Tandem Mobility / bike sharing program -Justin
 - Possible Grant opportunity through Keep America Beautiful Program – review the Grant Timelines & Next Steps
 - Do we want to contact Tony McGhee again to see how he can help with the Grant Process, or he did send all of us information on DNR Grants back in Dec. via our emails if you want to go back and review
 - Updating to the Parks & Rec. Brochure
 - Change day for the April meeting due to Spring Break?
 - Updates on Parks & Rec. funds please see attached from Justin
 - **Opportunity for Public Comment*** A limit of three (3) minutes per speaker is in effect.
 - **Board Member Comment**
 - **Next Meeting: April 1st @ 4:30 pm**
 - **Adjournment**

*The purpose of the public comment periods are for members of the public to inform the council of their views. Traditionally, Council does not respond to comments made at the meeting; however, the Mayor or City Manager may direct staff to follow up with the speaker as appropriate. Public and council comments are not required to be recorded. "Meeting Minutes are a record of what was done, not what was said" - Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR)



CITY OF BANGOR
PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2025

MINUTES

Council Chambers

Regular Meeting

4:30 PM

257 W MONROE ST
BANGOR, MI 49013

- 1. This meeting was called to order by Councilmember Helene Rivers at 4:30 pm.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IS LED BY CITY MANAGER WEBER AND RECITED BY ALL PRESENT**
- 3. ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	
		Present	Absent
Renee Doroh	Chairperson		x
Heléne Rivers, Councilmember	Vice Chairperson/Council	x	
Dawn Wade	Secretary	x	
Jerry Muenzer, Councilmember	Board Member/Council	x	
Scott Millin	Board Member		x
Delores Honeycutt	Board Member	x	
Jessica Corona	Board Member	x	
QUORUM MET			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Lowder, DPW Director
Police Officer Tyler Kendregan

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to accept Regular Meeting Agenda as Presented.

RESULT: CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Jerry Muenzer, Board Member/Councilmember

SECONDER: Delores Honecutt, Board Member

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the December 3, 2024 meeting were approved.

9. COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Board Member comments were heard.

9. NEXT MEETING: March 4, 2025 @ 4:30pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:01 PM

RESULTS:

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER:

Jerry Muenzer, Board Member/Councilmember

SECONDER:

Jessica Corona, Board Member


Dawn Wade, Secretary


Renee Doroh, Chair

Renee Doroh

From: Justin Weber <j.weber@bangormi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 12:30 PM
To: Renee Doroh
Cc: Stephenie Cagle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Balance and or Budget amount for the Parks & Rec.

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Renee,

The Parks and Rec is funded by the "Recreation and Culture" line item. That line currently has \$10,000 remaining for this fiscal year (2024-2025). This line item is not a carry over fund balance. Anything not used is absorbed back into the General Fund.

Since I became City Manager, we have tried to allocate \$20,000 in maintenance/repairs/equipment per fiscal year for the Recreation & Culture line. Prior to the Parks and Rec Board starting back up, I used that line item money for the new park pavilion roofs, bleachers at Don Mora Park, surveillance cameras in Lions Park, and maintenance.

During the City's annual budget planning, we allocate money from the General Fund into the Recreation and Culture line item. That is where the money for the parks comes from.

The new fiscal year (2025-2026) will begin July 1st. We anticipate the Recreation and Culture line item receiving \$20,000, but that is not guaranteed, as City Staff (Manager and Treasurer) recommends the amount but Council has to approve it.

What I think would be a future option is for the Parks and Rec Board to consider preparing a park's millage to be placed on the ballot in May 2026 for electors to decide. If it passed, that would be a way to collect a steady revenue for the parks board. That would also allow a carry over fund balance.

On Tue, Feb 25, 2025 at 10:15 AM Renee Doroh <rdoroh@sturgis.bank> wrote:

Hi Justin

Not sure if this is you or Stephanie but can the Parks & Rec. get a balance we have to work with and how funds are added to this account per annual, semi-annual, etc. so we can have some idea of what we have in order to budget for projects.

Thanks

Renee

Historic Sites in Bangor, MI



Ed Cable House was built in the early 1870s and is located at 212 West Cass St. This was the home of the first African American business owner in Bangor.

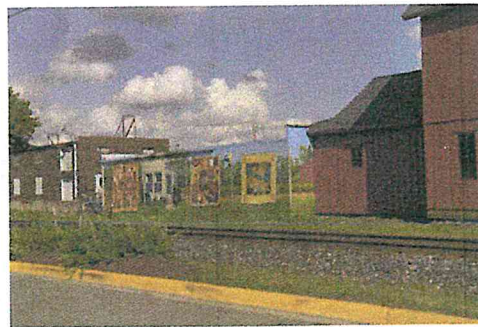


Bangor Elevator was built in 1873. This historic building has been beautifully renovated and is a working demonstration of an important historical period in American life.



Bangor Train Depot built in the 1870s and restored in 2005, this building houses the Railroad Café and Coffee Depot and is the corporate office of Beacon Specialized Living Services, Inc.

For more information about Bangor, MI, and to check upcoming events and activities, please visit <http://ci.bangor.mi.us>



This brochure was created by
Students from Bangor Career Academy

Dedicated in Memory of Mr. Jim Mayhak

A Guide to Parks and Recreation

A fascinating history and an exciting future.

Bangor



Van Buren County, Michigan



Parks of the City of Bangor

Kiwanis Park: This is a 5.5-acre park along Maple Creek. Some residents enjoy walking the trail that connects Kiwanis Park to Veteran's Park. Picnic tables and a fire place are available, along with pavilion rental for gatherings. Separate playgrounds for toddlers and older children keep the kids busy while parents enjoy fishing.

Lion's Park: A large 5-acre park located next to the Black River, this park is popular for fishing, volleyball, horseshoes, basketball, picnics, and walking trails. A playground is available for children, and rollerblading and skateboarding at the skate park is also a popular pastime. During the salmon and steelhead run, many people come to view the fish as they swim upriver. Pavilion rental (with restroom access) is available for picnics and reunions. This park is also the trailhead for the 20.9-mile Black River Heritage Water Trail.

Kid's Place Park: A mini park in downtown Bangor, this playground is fenced in and offers modern playground equipment with some handicapped accessible structures. A picnic table is available and the park is close to the historic attractions in Bangor.

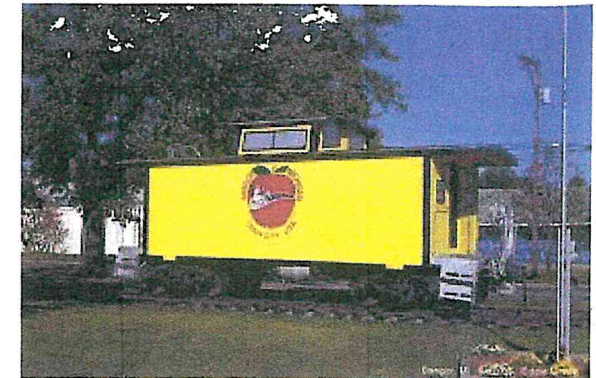
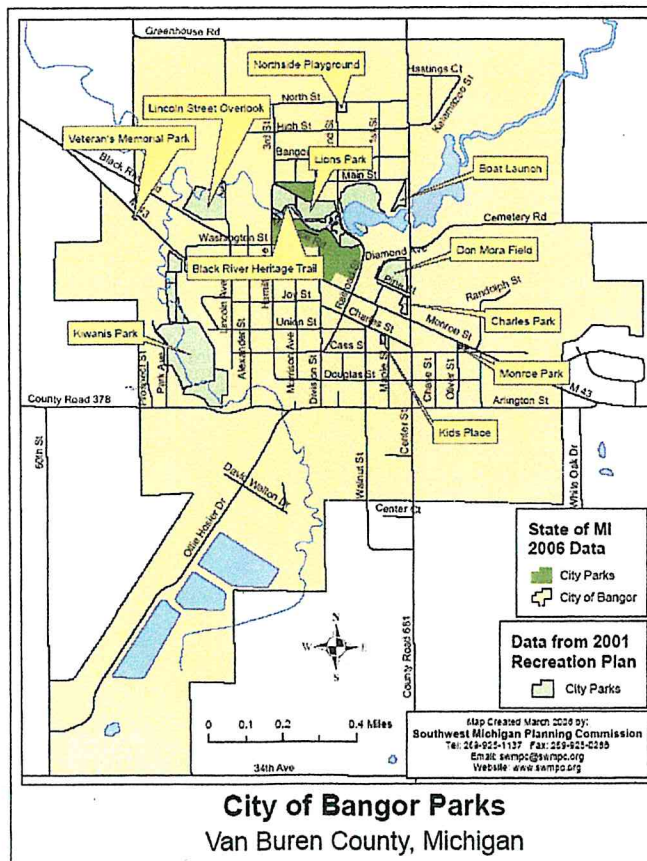
Don Mora Ball Park: This 4.5 acre fenced park is home to both a softball and soccer field. Restrooms, picnic tables, bleachers, a concession stand and lights for nighttime activities are some of the amenities available.



Kiwanis Park—Photo by Kelly Weber

Park Locations

There are many well-maintained parks in and around the City of Bangor. Fishing, hiking, sports, playgrounds, and more can be found throughout the area.



Charles Park

Veterans Park: This park pays honor and respect to veterans of several wars. A tranquil nature trail connects with Kiwanis Park.

Northside Playground: Another mini park in Bangor, this playground offers swings and slides for children to play on after a nice picnic.

Monroe Park: This beautifully landscaped space welcomes visitors to Bangor and offers an area for people to enjoy picnics.

Charles Park: This park is particularly special because of the historic 1925 C&O Caboose on the grounds. Picnic tables are available to enjoy the historic scenery as you eat.

Lincoln Street Overlook: Four beautiful acres on the Black River offer a picnic area and fire rings for patrons to enjoy. A nature trail connects this park to Lion's Park