

CALUMET COUNTY PARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

February 12th, 2026

Members Present: Chair Mary Schwalenberg; Supervisors Pete Stier, Patrick LaTour, and Kathy Thunes; Citizen Member Judy Hartl, and Ken Draheim.

Supervisor Andy Cleveland is excused.

Others Present: Parks Director, Adam Backus; Naturalist Supervisor, Louise Marum; and Program Assistant, Sabrena Werner; and County Board Chairpersons, Alice Connors.

Chair Schwalenberg called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting was properly announced, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda:

Supervisor Stier moved, seconded by Supervisor LaTour, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes:

Citizen Member Draheim moved, seconded by Supervisor Thunes, to approve the minutes for December 4th, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORT OF COMMISSION MEMBERS: Supervisor Stier discussing trying the first of the Calumet County Park maple syrup. Citizen Member Hartl discussed the Sands County Almanac.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR ACTION:

a. **Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for the Stockbridge Harbor Bathroom Roof/Soffit Replacement**

Director Backus reviewed the resolution. Motioned to approve the resolution by Citizen Member Draheim, seconded by Supervisor Thunes. Motion was unanimously carried.

b. **Review and Approve 2027 Camping/Boating Fees**

Director Backus reviewed the current camping/boating fees along with comparisons to other counties. Motioned to approve 2027 camping/boating fees by Supervisor LaTour, seconded by Supervisor Thunes. Motion was unanimously carried.

c. **Land for Sale Adjacent to Calumet County Park**

Director Backus discussed the opportunity of land of sale adjacent to the park. Director Backus will gather details on a



potential timeline and additional funding sources.

d. **Request for Make My Move to donate five family Cave Tour Passes and five rental nights in a cabin**

Director Backus presented the request. Motioned to approve five family Cave Tour passes and five nights of camping on a campsite by Citizen Member Draheim, seconded by Citizen Member Hartl. Motion was unanimously carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. **Hiring Video that Promotes the Parks Department**

Director Backus played the video for the commission.

b. **Stockbridge Boat Harbor Dredging Update**

Director Backus reviewed the different options for disposal of the dredging material.

c. **2025 Final Camping Numbers**

Director Backus reviewed final camping numbers for 2025

d. **Parks Projects**

a. **Ledge View Remodeling Project**

Director Backus reviewed the progress of the remodeling project and repair flooring. The cave display installation is finished.

b. **Southend Campsite Power and Water Update**

The Southend campsites have been updated with 50 AMP service and water hookups. Finishing touches are scheduled for early spring.

UPCOMING MEETING:

The next scheduled Parks Commission meeting will be on March 5th, 2026

ADJOURNMENT:

At 11:49 a.m., Chair Schwalenberg adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sabrena Werner, Park Program Assistant

Calumet County Parks Department

Approved Minutes
