

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Greendale Township Board of Trustees held at the Greendale Township Hall

Date of Meeting: December 9, 2025

Time held: 7:00 pm

The regular meeting of the Greendale Township Board was held at the Hall on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge to the flag led by the Supervisor, Knopp. Board members present were: Brian Knopp, Supervisor; Ruth L Knapp, Clerk; Angela Brown, Treasurer; Julia Beach, Trustee and Bridget Elkins, Trustee. Absent: none. Members of the public signing in: see list.

MINUTES: Motion, Elkins; Second, Beach. Approve minutes of regular meeting of November 11, 2025 as circulated. Motion passed on a voice vote. Corrections: none.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As reported: Balance on hand in General/Fire Funds of 167,527.98. Solid Waste Fund: 50,047.46 and 108,693.40 in CD's/Savings. Balance in the P/R Tax Acct: 11.02; and Debt Serv Acct: 10.65. No corrections nor adjustments were heard, report accepted as given.

Motion, Brown; Second, Elkins. Pay the bills as presented. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Beach, yea; Brown, yea; Elkins, yea; Knapp, yea; Knopp, yea. Checks numbered 5783-5804 were issued from Gen/Fire Funds, checks numbered 2619-2620 from the Solid Waste Fund and no check from Debt Service.

Public comment opened at 7:05 pm. Public comment closed at 7:35 pm.

Motion, Knapp; Second, Beach. Approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed on a voice vote.

BUSINESS: Motion, Knapp; Second, Elkins. Remove the Solid Waste Assessment from vacant property code number 030-029-100-500-00. Motion passed on a voice vote. The Assessor will be notified of this action.

Don Hamilton, Recreation Plan consultant from Lapham Consultants, addressed the Board about the value of the plan drafted by the Recreation Planning Committee and the subject of the Public Hearing at this meeting.

The **Public Hearing convened at 7:44 pm** to receive comments on the proposed Greendale Township Parks and Recreation Plan.

Knopp spoke of the value of the plan and outlined some of the aspects of the plan and development of township properties.

Janet Miller asked about publicity of the availability of the walking path at the Twp Hall property. It is mostly word of mouth, but is mentioned in the newsletter.

James Farison was supportive of making the ballfield to standards that youth can practice or play on. Also suggested cooperation with the Chippewa Nature Center and other organizations in planning access to waterways adjacent to Twp Properties.

Bud Smith spoke about park management and maintenance, the possibility of adding more employees.

Knopp reviewed the plan and shared highlights of some of the visions for development of each parcel.

There was a question of the water quality at the flowing well at the South Geneva Road property and the water is tested twice a year with arsenic levels reviewed once a year. The water is safe for human consumption.

With no further comments or questions on the plan, the **Public Hearing adjourned at 8:19 pm**.

The Board reviewed the document page by page and made corrections to text. Don Hamilton was supportive of the corrections. Motion, Elkins; Second, Brown. Accept the changes to the text of the Parks and Recreation Plan, 2026-2030. Motion passed on a voice vote.

The Resolution of Adoption of the long-range Parks and Recreation Plan was read. Motion, Knapp; Second, Elkins. Adopt the Resolution to adopt the Parks & Recreation Plan, 2026-2030 with the approved corrections. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Beach, yea; Brown, yea; Elkins, yea; Knapp, yea and Knopp, yea.

REPORTS: Elkins reported that the Planning Commission is working on the 5-year review of the Master Plan with the consultant Don Hamilton, Lapham Consultants. The last meeting in 2025 of the Planning Commission was held on December 2, 2025. The regular meeting schedule of fourth Monday will resume in 2026.

Knapp reported that the Twp Code Authority Board is just business as usual, slowing for winter.

Beach reported that the next meeting of the Recreation Planning Committee will be Jan 15, 2026 at 6:30 pm.

Knopp and Knapp reported that the tire grant is only about one-half filled, at 1,074 tire vouchers issued. The EGLE Scrap Tire Recycling grant expires December 31, 2026.

Public comment opened: 9:07 pm. Public comment closed: 9:07 pm.

No further business was brought before the Board. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Ruth L Knapp, Clerk

Clerk Certification of the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Greendale Twp Board.

I, Ruth L Knapp, duly elected clerk of Greendale Township, Midland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Public Hearing on the Greendale Township Parks and Recreation Plan, 2026-2030 and the Regular Meeting of the Greendale Township Board of Trustees held on December 9, 2025 at the Greendale Township Hall after proper written notification of the Hearing in the weekend edition of the Midland Daily News, dated November 8-9, 2025. The Resolution #2025-1209 to adopt the Greendale Township Parks and Recreation Plan, 2026-2030, was duly adopted by a roll call vote of the Greendale Township Board of Trustees during the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Ruth L Knapp, Clerk

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