

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF ELMWOOD
Park and Recreation Committee
Special Meeting
August 24, 2023 @ 6:00 PM

- a) **Call to Order:** Chairperson, Sara Kopriva called the meeting to order @ 6:01 PM @ TWP Hall.
- b) **Roll Call :** Committee members present were Sara Kopriva, Noel Flohe, & Hannah Preston.
Not present was Ed Basile, (quorum met). Also present was TWP Planner, Sarah Clarren.
- c) **Public Comment:** None.
- d) **Agenda Modifications/Approval:** Moved by Sara Kopriva, second by Flohe to approve the agenda as presented—U.
- e) **Minutes:** Moved by Flohe, second by Sara Kopriva to approve the minutes for the Special Meeting of October 25, 2022—U.
- f) **New Business:**
1. **Welcome new committee member, Hannah Preston.**
 2. **Staff updates(s):** Planner, Clarren reported on the State Of Michigan's approval of

Our TWP's 5-Year Plan Draft for the next five year period.
Copies are available for the committee members.
 3. **Cherry Bend Park playground discussion:** With the Board's budget planning process coming up, the park committee viewed data gathered during the public input process for our 5-year plan and noted that our CBC Park was the third highest recreation facility used by township residents. Thus we are looking for opportunities to improve it.
Swings & climbing equipment area need a new layer of fresh wood chips;
Merry-go-round is a relic of the past and should be taken out...prices look good for added play systems consideration;
Some broken handles on current equipment;
More picnic tables in area of old pavilion;
4x4 posts to hang hammocks on;
There is space north of the baseball fields for overflow parking;
Between baseball fields #3 & #2, there is room for ice skating rink considerations;
The wetland area south of the fire station and west of the soccer field could be considered for a dog exercise area and or a ¼ & ½ mile trail loop;
Even a \$5,000.00 amount can go a long way to spruce-up our playground areas.

Other comments by the committee: Tennis & pickle ball court gets a lot of use;
Baseball fields had less use this past summer???
Playground pavilion has been much improved;
Committee needs to study current uses, and may need to plan some changes for next year.

**4. Upcoming meeting schedule: Next meeting 9/14/23 @ 6:00 PM
Following meeting 10/12/23 @ 6:00 PM.**

g) Old Business: None.

h) Comments from committee members and/or staff: See above.

i) Public comment: None.

j) Adjourn: At 6:41 PM, Noel moved, second by Sara Kopriva to adjourn—U.

Submitted by Noel Flohe, Parks & Rec. Committee Secretary.