

CITY OF AU GRES
PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
5:00 PM at Au Gres City Park Office

PRESENT: Sheree Wiltse, Terry Heinrich, Dan Heinrich, Barb Osborne, Sarah Dettloff

ABSENT: Chad Anthony, Jan Gore

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Park Manager Chris & Lisa Ireland, Tara Marczak from Arenac Community Funds

1). CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by City Manager Dale Wiltse at 5:00 pm.

2). ROLL CALL

Roll call noted Chad Anthony as absent.

3). MINUTES

MOTION (S Wiltse) to approve minutes from May 19, 2026 as submitted; support (Osborne). Motion carried.

4). CITIZENS COMMENTS

Lisa Ireland presented information to the board about creating a Children's Storybook Garden Path using the existing sidewalk from the pavilion to the river. This may be a program for Consumers "Put Your Town on the Map". The board would like to get more information.

5). OLD BUSINESS: LHF – Dale updated the committee regarding the "Rooted in Au Gres" signage.

6). NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Arenac Community Funds Presentation

Tara Marczak from the Arenac Community Funds presented the city with a check in the amount of \$5,665 to purchase hands free faucets and a refillable water fountain for Riverside Park.

6.2 Campground Expansion Updates:

Dale reported that Phase 1 of the expansion is complete less the paving of the drive. The bid package for Phase 2 I being prepared.

7). CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Chapel: Thank you to Sheree, Barb, and Coyt for the Chapel flower garden improvements.
- Huron Pines Aug 31st: an informational meeting identifying native plants scheduled for Aug 31st. Details TBD.
- Disc Golf Course: Dale informed the board of the upcoming improvements and signage to be done at the disc golf course. Thank you to Dan & Nate for taking on the project.
- Pickle Ball Courts: Dale discussed the upgrades to the courts. The estimated cost to paint, line, new nets are between \$60,000 - \$80,000 per Painting by Beardslee. The P&R committee would like to keep one side tennis and add two pickleball courts to the other side. Dale will send pictures of the facility to Beardslee for a more accurate cost.

8). PARK MANAGER COMMENTS

Park is filling up for the summer. Things are looking good. Chris notified the committee that he is adopting a one-time warning for campers without their dogs on a leash. The second time the camper will be asked to leave. The board was in favor. Chris gave the committee a tour of the cabin and progress report.

9). PARK & REC MEMBER COMMENTS: None

10). ADJOURNMENT

MOTION (S Wiltse) to adjourn meeting at 6:45 pm; support (Osborne). Motion carried.

Dale Wiltse, City Manager