

# PARKS COMMISSION

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## MEMBERS

*Karol "KZ" Bolton, Ralph Tillotson,  
Nancy Jenkins-Arno, Dawn Bales, Dan Bruggeman*

## MEETING LOCATION

Bicentennial Park  
5626 Tipton Hwy. - Adrian, MI

**Minutes:** Monday, September 11, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.

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**Attendees:** R. Tillotson, KZ Bolton, and D. Bales

**Absent:** N. Jenkins-Arno and D. Bruggeman

**Others Present:** Commissioners Van Doren, Collins, and Martis, Kim Murphy, Shannon Elliott, Tim Mehan, Rob VanNieuwenhze, Howard Bales, Pam Van Doren, and Jim Wimple

### I. Approval of the Minutes

*Motion by D. Bales, seconded by KZ Bolton, to approve the August 21, 2023, minutes.  
Motion carried.*

### II. Finance Report

Administrator Murphy presented the finance report.

There has been much discussion regarding restricted funds. The Committee continues to review restricted funds allocating them to their proposed park. Funds that are designated for a specific park project will continue to be used for that project.

### III. Parks Updates

**A. Bicentennial Park** – Fencing is installed and the project is near completion, gravel, grading, and stump grinding remain outstanding.

**B. Accessibility** – The parks technically are closed, however, they will remain available for use weather permitting.

### IV. Updates & Other Business

No other updates or other business.

**V. Public Comment**

No Public Comment offered

**VI. Adjournment**

*Motion by D. Bales, seconded by KZ Bolton, to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. Motion carried.*

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**Parks Commission Goals**

- Further development of parks and activities
  - Potential projects volunteer group
  - Review Parks Plan
- Partnership with forest management (LISD or Lenawee Conservation, MSU Extension, Lenawee Farm Bureau, forestry group, others) -  
Decrease dead wood, increase good production, tear out grape vine, clean out invasive & diseased vegetation/trees