

GRAC Meeting July 2026

Call to Order at 6:00.

In attendance were Jodi Breault, Natalie Johnston, Ruth Doidge, Melissa Kurth, Linda Damer.

For starters, what is GRAC's budget?

We are looking into new signs at both parks. Signs would say the hours, ordinances, etc. The Clerk is working on them.

After meeting with Linda Damer, the Regional Planner of Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, we worked on a Recreational Plan. We discussed our future wants and needs. Grants will be written to cover the costs. She was very helpful and excited to help us. Here are our ideas.

For Cedar Lake Park: New grills, a horseshoe pit, swim platform, AED, First Aid Kit, tetherball, life protector ring, life jackets.

For Spencer Park: Pickleball court, a new trail with distance markers, informational markers, native flowers and plants, dog park, tetherball and a resting bench.

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purposes or a possible field trip destination and then to the Fire House for tours.

Cedar Lake Park

- We are waiting for quotes for sand on the beach and under the swings.
- We need to order and install a baby swing. Also, the third swing in from the water is missing a nut and washer where the chain attaches to the swing.
- The ladder going into the water was broken. It is temporarily fixed but we need to order another one. This one is old and not in good condition. We decided on the 660lb one for \$189.99.
- The bike rack needs to be moved a few feet from the path. There is not enough room to park a bike between the two.
- We would like to have the parking lot and path to the beach black topped. It would make it possible for people in wheelchairs or walkers to get to the lake. It would also prevent people peeling out in the parking lot and cut down on the dust. In past years it was oiled according to the neighbor across the street.
- According to ProLawn's contract, the garbage is to be emptied "as needed." It needs to be checked more often. The cans were full as of Tuesday after the 4th. The Clerk notified ProLawn.
- We need to remove some trees. This would open the park for more play.
- The Township has bids to remove the changing rooms.

Spencer Park

- Sand around the park is in the process of being laid.
- The freshwater pump is not working. The Clerk has Wolverine Well coming to fix it.
- The swing set that was damaged by the ice storm is being replaced. The insurance company is covering the cost, installation and warranty.
- The bench swing needs to be replaced. We are looking at replacements.
- The Nature Trail needs to be mowed and branches that are hanging in the path need to be cut back.
- The cameras are working great. The Clerk has been monitoring them.
- Nancy Schwickert donated a 6 foot tractor tire to climb on.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

The next GRAC meeting will take place on August 5th at 6:00 at the Township Hall.