

PARK COMMISSION
Erie Township
Erie, Michigan
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Erie Township Park Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Erie Township Hall, 2065 Erie Rd. Erie, Michigan, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

2. ROLL CALL

Jennifer Mishka, Chairperson	Absent - excused
Diane La Plante, vice-chair	Present
Melissa Bomia, Secretary	Present
Darlene Andrzejewski	Present
Emily Spotts	Absent - excused

Also present: Kimberly Cousino, Recording Secretary.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. CITY OF LUNA PIER MAYOR GARDNER

Mayor Jim Gardner presented the proposed City of Luna Pier bicycle path which will connect Erie and City of Luna Pier. The city is actively working with SEMCOG and the Monroe County Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force to bring this project to fruition and explore sources of funding.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane La Plante moved supported by Melissa Bomia to approve the meeting minutes from February 12, 2026 as presented. Motion carried.

6. BUDGET

Melissa Bomia moved supported by Darlene Andrzejewski to approve the budget report as presented. Motion carried.

7. ERIE AREA HISTORIANS HISTORICAL MARKER PROJECT

Diane Cousino with the Erie Area Historians was present to request the park commissioner's approval to install a historical marker at either Morin Point Park or Grace Connolly Park to showcase the Woodland tribal presence in Erie dating back to 1070 A.D. The location of the parks is of interest because the marker cannot be installed on a roadside without an area for vehicles to safely pull off and read the marker. The Erie Area Historian's first choice is Morin Point Park as its location is closer in proximity of the area the remains were found; their second choice is Grace Connolly Park, installation of the sign is estimate to occur around 2028. Diane Cousino did mention that the historical group would like to have a second historical marker installed at Grace Connolly Park showcasing another tribe in the future. Discussion was held.

Melissa Bomia moved supported by Darlene Andrzejewski to approve the installation of the historical marker at Morin Point Park. Motion carried.

8. MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Harrison complimented Mayor Gardner's bike trail plan.

Supervisor Michael Grodi informed the commissioners that he applied for a grant for a complete tear out and rebuild of the basketball and pickleball courts at Maplewood Park.

Mayor Gardner shared there is a 100k bike ride planned through Erie in September 2026; they are making a scheduled stop at the Erie Township Hall to view the Ohio/Michigan war historical marker.

Diane La Plante informed the commissioners to be prepared the review the park commission by-laws at the April meeting and to schedule the spring park walk-thru.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Darlene Andrzejewski moved supported by Melissa Bomia adjourn at 7:38 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Kimberly Cousino
Recording Secretary