

SUNKEN LAKE PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 4:30 P. M. Sunken Lake Park

SLP Committee Members in attendance - Jerry MacArthur, Dave Guthrie, Chuck Lefebvre
Others in attendance – Austin Barnett, Park Manager and several seasonal campers

Call to order – The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P. M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America

Roll Call – as listed above

Public Comment – none

Managers Report – attached

New Business:

A) Spark Grant Update - closeout

The surveying needed for the rustic campground and day use area mapping has been completed and the map is being prepared for review. The grant needs to be closed out by 10-31-2026.

The final invoice by Huron Engineering and Surveying exceeds the grant amount by \$10,464.62 and the issue will be addressed at the October parks meeting.

B) The Youth and Rec. Grant Application for the merry-go-round has been approved for 2027.

C) Capital Outlay Projects. The workshop remodel project is completed. The house remodel project is underway. Cost is being investigated for the fireplace remodel.

D) Park future needs / remaining budgeted funds. General discussion relative to future park needs for 2026 and 2027. (See managers attachment)

E) Committee will prepare the yearly managers performance review forms.

Old Business: None

Open to the Floor – Seasonal campers stated that they are very satisfied with the efforts of the park manager, the campers felt like the manager could use camp hosts next year, their major concern was the possible changes to the yearly seasonal camping rate for 2027 and the lack of internet service in the campground. They claim that the last increase of the seasonal camping rate was presented as a way to cover internet services charges. The campers also stated that they feel that the \$300 parks allowance for the managers special events should be increased for next year.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 4:00 P. M. HMCR, IF NEEDED



Dave Guthrie, Committee Point Person

Park: Sunken Lake Park

Alpena County Parks and Recreation

Report by: Austin Barnett

Date: September 30, 2026

Park Manager Monthly Report

Ongoing Improvements Project(s) Progress:

All the campground site markers are now done and put in. Started turning the middle room of the house (office space) into the third bedroom that we had talked about earlier in the year.

Campground Activities & Site Notes:

Halloween Weekend Oct 2-4th. We will be doing Halloween themed crafts, pumpkin painting and decorating, costume contest for all ages and trick-or-treating for campers and the public.

Budget Adjustments Needed/Budget Look Ahead:

Upcoming/Needed Maintenance:

September 30, 2026

Austin Barnett

Projects For the 2027 Season

- Re-paint the wooden train and tractor in the campground
 - Replace the cedar fencing around the campground (horseshoe pit, beach area and along the dump station).
 - Refurbish the remaining picnic tables.
 - Paint both sides of the railings on the footbridge.
 - Have a future budget to allow me to have flower baskets hanging along the footbridge and flowers in the community area.
 - Possibly take out the old metal swing set and metal monkey bars in the day use area down by the river.
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