

**PROCEEDINGS OF
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WEST BLOOMFIELD
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
West Bloomfield Township Hall Boardroom
West Bloomfield, Michigan
Special Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2026
6:00 PM**

APPROVED

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Chairperson Brooks

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Robert Brooks
Secretary John Erich
Treasurer Terrance Adams
Commissioner Merv Aronoff
Commissioner David Barash

Staff Present: Kelly Hyer, Executive Director
Chris Frey, Parks Superintendent
Carrie Manning, Recording Secretary

Absent: Commissioner Amy Mindell
Commissioner Sally Wenczel

Public: Adam Gut, FRS
Kurt Ryder, FRS
Laura Hester, LJH Development

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Aronoff, seconded by Commissioner Barash to approve the agenda.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 2

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

PUBLIC FORUM- None

ITEMS FROM THE TOWNSHIP LIAISON- No items tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item only- Connect Community Center Bond Project Cash Flow Projection.

Executive Director Hyer reviewed the changes in cost for the Connect Community Center since the Bond was approved, almost 3 years ago. Against the initial Bond approval of \$25 million, the WBPRC may now have to consider using some of the fund balance to account for the increased cost to build. With the intent of always having 6 months of reserves, this leaves funds available for use on the project. The Commissioners supported use of the fund balance for use in the completion of the Connect Community Center

Laura Hester, from LJH Development, presented the Cash Flow Projection to the Commission. Executive Director Hyer then opened a discussion with the Commissioners about the potential for grant and sponsorship money that can also be sought for specific plans on the Connect Community Center in the future. At some point they will also need to address which capital projects can be addressed in the future and when as well as plans to rebuild the fund balance. In response to a question on future Connect staffing, Executive Director Hyer pointed out the saving on paying rent for the current Connect senior center and staff relocation to the Green Media Center will offset much of that when all will be using one location.

B. Discussion Item only- GMP (Guaranteed Maximum Price)

As the GMP New Business Item B was not ready in time for a motion, Executive Director Hyer led a discussion with the Commissioners regarding the bid process along with Kurt Ryder from Frank Rewold & Sons. Around 155 bids have been received and are still being reviewed. These 155 bids were for around 50-55 categories of contractors. Superintendent Frey personally led bidders on a tour of the RAC grounds and the RAC for demo contractors.

C. Consideration for Connect Community Center Bond Project Limited Notice to Proceed.

Motion by Commissioner Aronoff, seconded by Commissioner Barash to Approve the issuance of a Limited Notice to Proceed for the Connect Community Center Bond Project in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 to Frank Rewold & Sons, authorizing staff to proceed with defined early project activities, with all costs to be applied toward the final Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Absent: 2
Motion Carried: 5-0-2

PUBLIC FORUM- None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Aronoff, seconded by Commissioner Barash for adjournment.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:56PM.

Reviewed by,
John Erich

(As a permanent record, an audio tape of this meeting in its entirety is on file and will remain at the Parks and Recreation offices where it may be heard.)