

Billings Township Park & Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2026

Call to Order: Linda Wiber called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Linda Wilber led the pledge.

Roll Call: Linda McSweyn, Cindy Derrick, Rose Malott, Linda Wilber, Erik Reid, Ron Sherman, and Mike Hemmen.

Approval of Agenda: Linda McSweyn motioned to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Erik Reid. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of June 22, 2026, meeting minutes, Erik Reid motioned to approve June 22, 2026, meeting minutes, 2nd by Linda McSweyn. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Guest Speaker: Robert (Bob) North Gladwin County Emergency Management. Bob spoke about Gladwin County's Emergency Management encouraging everyone to sign up and receive notifications and alerts. Text 46824 or 877788, questions, and assistance 989-425-6871. Gladwin County Emergency Management also has a Facebook page. Bob stated he is working on getting ten more emergency wells for the area Fire Departments. Bob encouraged residents to be smart about lithium batteries, their storage and disposal. Bob gave the residents a parting message; how to tell if you are prepared for an emergency is when you have supplies for ten days.

Soccer nets: Soccer nets are up and being used by all ages. We have 1- size 3 ball, 1- size 4 ball and 1- size 5 ball. The information on the new sign is tabled for now. We earned a Trophy for **BEST** Float Participation in 4th of July Parade. We have lots of leftover candy and it is now stored in the freezer. **Cameras:** The park has a total of eight cameras with only three working. Veterans Alarm are scheduled to come out and fix all the cameras and relocate a couple at the end of August. **Dog Park:** Is on hold until the lawyer can be contacted about the legalities and laws for dog parks, and if the dog park must be an ADA facility. Possibly putting gravel down on the north drive for a parking lot approximately two cars deep and ADA accessible. **Kids' Water Day at the Park:** We have a slide from Pastor Todd and volunteers to set it up. The Fire truck will be on site to soak the kids, and a snack will be provided. Hot dogs, buns, chips, cookies, and juice drinks will be the snack. Kid's Day will be Monday, August 10, 2026, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Linda McSweyn donated the water guns, and we have reusable water balloons and plenty of water. Volunteers will meet at 9:00 A.M. to set up. **Rental Money:** From American Tower is earmarked for the park.

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New Business:

Schedule for Park Bottle Return Collection will be available at the next meeting. The money will be given to Clerks Office and receipt goes to Park.

Trash cans rinsed out twice a month.

Dog Waste Station cans will be cleaned every two weeks.

No Dogs will be allowed is the Park Building.

The donated air mover is doing an excellent job of moving the air.

The wooden picnic tables are in bad need of sanding and painting. Committee needs to consider replacing them in the future. We need five tables, lighter in weight, and they need to be permanently marked to prohibit theft. Rose will check to see if maybe Home Depot or Lowes will donate the tables to the park. Suggestion was made to sell 50/50 tickets at Music in the park.

Public Comments: Karen Eddy commented on scheduling more Music in the Park on additional Wednesdays or Saturdays, or a DJ or a talent Show. She also showed the committee a large double grill made of concrete blocks for the committee to consider. Cindy Whittington commented, all the committee and volunteers have all done so much for the park. Erik Reid provided the committee with additional information on donation bricks if we wanted to put them on the walls in the vestibule. Horseshoes and the donation cans have been tabled for the time being.

Linda McSweyn motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Erik Reid. 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.
Motioned Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Rose Malott, Park & Rec. Secretary.

Minutes approved at Billings Township Park Committee meeting 8-24-2026.
Date