

Emmett Township Park Committee
Minutes
December 15, 2025

Call to Order: 7:0 pm *7:00 pm*

Roll Call: Hull, Powers, Reliford, Mueller, ~~Bowen~~, Absent – Roose, Bowen

Guests: None

Motion to approve minutes of November 17, 2025

Made by: Hull

Seconded by: Reliford

Old Business:

- Car Club is done for the season due to the weather. Club may hold some meetings inside.
- Tree lighting was a success and Santa was great!
- Mike Wendling/Centennial Farms donated the Christmas Tree for the tree lighting and if there are any trees available for transplanting in the spring, will bring one and plant it for a permanent tree for lighting.

New Business:

- Grant for \$100k from the State of Michigan. We will have to match \$25k. *(State to give 75K, we match 25K)*
- Kaboom Grant is out for application. It's approx. \$250k for playground equipment and we're hopeful we'll get selected.
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Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn meeting made: Time: 7:45 pm

Made by: Hull

Seconded by: Reliford

*Motion to approve w/ corrections
Made by: Hull Seconded by: Powers*

*Submitted by:
Joan Bowen*

Emmett Township Park Committee
Minutes
September 15, 2025

Call to Order: 8:00 pm

Roll Call: Reliford, Roose, Mueller, Bowen present. Powers, Hull absent

Guests: None

Motion to approve minutes of August 18, 2025

Made by: Roose

Seconded by: Reliford

Old Business:

- Farmers Market has been slow. Other communities also experiencing a downturn in people coming. Other markets have shut down for the season. Township will try one more week before deciding to close for the season
- Car Club is doing really well
- Discussed the damage to the plastic bumper around the playscape area
- Grants are still being researched
- Picnic tables and benches in the right color arrived
- Halloween Trunk or Treat flyer is made. Scheduled for October 25th, set up at 4pm. Trick or treating from 5:30-7:30pm
- Discussed a Visit with Santa in December. Research when other places locally will have their events with Santa so we can choose a date around their times. Get candy canes. Ask fire dept if they will bring Santa to the hall

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn meeting made:

Time: 8:45 pm

Made by: Roose

Seconded by: Reliford

Submitted By:

Jean Bowen

*Motion to approve: Roose
Seconded by: Hull*

Emmett Township Rec Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:20 pm

Roll Call: Reliford, Hull, Powers, Mueller, Bowen present; Roose absent

Motion to approve minutes of July 21, 2025, made by Reliford, seconded by Hull

Minutes:

- > Farmers Market is still a little slow. Getting more flyers out.
- > Car Club is going well. Average of 30 cars every week in attendance
- > Teeter-Totter was assembled at Car & Coffee on August 3rd. Tether ball isn't up yet.
- > Grant writer is still investigating grants
- > New sign is done. Needs to be installed on the pavilion.
- > Plan on holding Cars & Coffee the first Sunday of every month weather permitting
- > Picnic tables & benches came in, but in the wrong color. Green ones coming on August 19th.
- > Further discussion needs to be held about holding Trunk or Treat. Date, time, car club members getting involved, etc.
- > Discussed Friday night car club activities
- > Discussed Mike Hull playing Santa. He'll look in to finding a suit
- > State rep from DNR came and walked the trail with Scott. Was impressed to see their grant money was used right away. She said this was one of the cleanest parks around.
- > Scott's going to a meeting on August 25th to meet the Community Foundation to present our future plans for the township park.

Motion to adjourn made by Powers at 8:20 pm, seconded by Hull


Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanie Bowen

Planning Commission Secretary

Motion to approve made by Roose, seconded by Reliford

Emmett Township Rec Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:15 pm

Roll Call: Reliford, Roose, Hull, Powers, Mueller, Bowen present

Motion to approve minutes of June 16, 2025, made by Powers, seconded by Roose

Minutes:

- Farmers Market is a little slower. Fair was going on and other construction work going on in the park. Discussed everyone to post flyers. With vegetables coming in season we expect more turn out.
- Walking trail is in. People have been using it.
- Car club is going well. Discussed the raffles they're holding. Lots of food; lots of people.
- Grant writer is looking into grants through DTE. Arborist Group, and DNR.
- Committee went out and walked the new trail and looked at the concrete pad for the new pavilion.
- Discussed picnic tables and benches and reviewed costs
- Pavilion goes in on July 22, 2025
- Sign for the park is forthcoming
- Discussed having Santa at the township hall in December
- Discussed holding a trunk or treat for Halloween
- Need to set up the teeter-totter and tether ball at the park

Motion to adjourn made by Roose at 9:07 pm, seconded by Powers


Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanie Bowen

Planning Commission Secretary

Motion to approve made by Reliford, seconded by Hull

Emmett Township Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:16 pm

Roll Call: Reliford, Hull, Mueller, Bowen present. Roose, Powers absent

Motion to approve minutes of May 19, 2025, made by Hull, seconded by Reliford

Minutes:

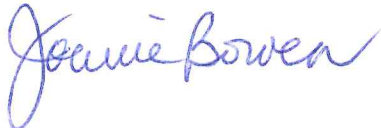
- Farmers Market is getting better every week
- Car Club is going well. Parking lot has been full and its still growing.
- Discussed possible idea of meeting Santa at the township hall in December. Will discuss further.
- Discussed idea of Trunk or Treat for Halloween at the township park. Will discuss further.
- Contractor came and layed out the walking trail. Fabricator is almost done with the build of the pavilion.
- Sign painter will start working on the new sign for the park to be hung on the pavilion.

Motion to adjourn made by Hull at 8:46 pm, seconded by Reliford

Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanie Bowen

Planning Commission Secretary



Motion to approve: Powers, seconded by Roose

Emmett Township Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:05 pm

Roll Call: Mueller, Powers, Hull, Reliford present; Roose, Bowen absent

Motion to approve minutes of April 21, 2025, made by Hull, seconded by Reliford

Minutes:

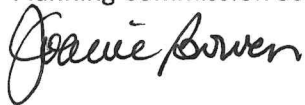
- Car club is doing good. A D.J. performed at one cruise night. The parking lot was full and Mark Casey made a very nice sign for the club.
- Earth Day and Easter egg hunt pictures need to be uploaded.
- Farmers Market is growing steadily every week.
- We received the grant from the Wilson Foundation. \$25,000 kick off meeting for construction Wednesday, May 21st, at 10:00am. With the monies from the Community Foundation and Wilson Foundation, plus our \$10,000, we have \$60,000. This is enough to do the walking trail and pavilion with sidewalks.
- Mark Casey is going to redo the Emmett Township Hall sign. It's going to say park instead of hall and get mounted to the new pavilion.

Motion to adjourn made by Reliford at 7:46 pm, seconded by Hull

Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanie Bowen

Planning Commission Secretary



*Motion to accept minutes made by:
Hull, seconded by Reliford*

Emmett Township Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:10 pm

Roll Call: Mueller, Bowen, Powers, Hull, Reliford, Roose present

Motion to approve minutes of March 17, 2025, made by Roose, seconded by Powers

Minutes:

Old Business:

- Discussed the walking path and the materials we'll use for creating and compacting the path. Our grant will be used for path development.

New Business:

- Horticulturist from SCC Parks came and walked Township Park with Mueller & Reliford. She pointed out the good flowers, plants, and moss that we have a great start with naturally. She found a few small areas of invasive plants that are not native, so we'll need to remove those.
- A Master Gardener who plants flowers, plants, and trees in all the SCC Parks spoke to Sandi Reliford. She will pass seeds to the Township Park for planting.
- Committee is getting many ideas for plantings after the trail goes in.
- Looking at handicap picnic tables and a swing. Hoping to hear from Wilson Foundation by the end of the month re: our grant application.
- Elementary kids going to the Township Park on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, for park clean up and Earth Day celebration.
- Car cruise at the park every Friday night 4pm-Dusk.

Motion to adjourn made by Reliford at 8:30 pm, seconded by Roose

Respectfully Submitted By,

~~Joanie Bowen~~ *SANDRA RELIFORD*
Sandra Reliford
Planning Commission Secretary COMMISSION MEMBER

Emmett Township Park
Regular meeting
3-17-2025

March meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.
Sandra Lilford, Mike Hull and Scott Mueller
present. Powers, Bowen and Rose absent

Eddie Fahley wants to do some
kind of donation to the park, Scott
gave him some ideas. We want to
make it a meeting place for the
community... Mr Fahley is running his
own non-profit.. And is willing to
help us.

The Farmers market opens April
17th.

The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday
April 19th at 10:00 am. Carrie Rose
purchased two thousand toy filled
easter eggs. Mike Hull ordered an
easter bunny costume, and he will
play the Easter bunny. Several people
have volunteered to help with this
event.. If anyone is interested
in volunteering call Scott Mueller.

April 22nd is our 2nd annual
Earth Day clean up for our park

Foundation meeting took place
3-17-2025. Scott Mueller and
Barrie Kot met with Kim and
Nancy to discuss the nature / bike
exercise trail. We have the help
of Kim and Nancy for park planning
for another year.

The D. K. R. Grant has been
submitted and is in process.
as well the grant for the
Wilson foundation.

no new business

no correspondence

meeting adjourned 8:22

motion made by Bliford
seconded by Hull.

minutes recorded by

Sandra Bliford

Motion to accept minutes made by Reese, seconded by Powers.

Submitted by:

Jean Bowea
Secretary

Emmett Township Rec Commission

Meeting Minutes

~~January 20, 2025~~

February 17, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:10 pm

Roll Call: Reliford, Roose, Hull, Mueller, Bowen present; Powers absent

Motion to approve minutes with correction of January 20, 2025, made by Reliford, seconded by Roose

Minutes:

- We got approved for a \$25,000.00 grant. March 17th will be a meeting with the Community Foundation to go over the grant. It's for the walking trail/bike trail/nature trail.
- DNR grant has been applied for
- Discussion about getting volunteers to hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the township park. Discussion on getting a small grant or donations to get plastic Easter eggs and some candy or small toys for prizes. Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 10am. Areas will be set up for different age brackets.
- An additional idea for the Easter Egg Hunt is to look at the costs for pre-filled eggs for this year
- Discussed setting up a Facebook page for the township park to post events only

Correspondence: None

Motion to adjourn made by Hull at 8:21 pm, seconded by Reliford

Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanie Bowen

Planning Commission Secretary



Emmett Township Rec Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2025

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mueller at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Mueller, Bowen, Powers, Hull present; Reliford, Roose absent

Motion to approve minutes with correction of December 16, 2024, made by Powers, seconded by Hull

Minutes:

- We have not heard back yet on the grant we applied for through the Wilson Foundation
- Chairman Mueller will talk to the grant writers as to when we should apply for the DNR grant

Correspondence:

- Brochure on promos for Easter Egg Hunts
- Catalog for physical activity playground equipment

Motion to adjourn made by Bowen at 8:15 pm, seconded by Powers

Respectfully Submitted By,

Joanie Bowen

Planning Commission Secretary

Motion by Reliford, seconded by Roose

Joan Bowen