

A regular meeting of the City of Alma Parks Committee held Monday, February 26, 2024, at the Alma Municipal Building, was called to order by Finance Director Curtis Dancer at 6:01 p.m. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Present: Roger Allman, Josh Higbie, Jamie Jerome, Blaine Lafler, and Luke Wright.  
Absent: Kim Alonzi and Andi Whitmore.  
Also present: David Ringle.

**Motion by Lafler, seconded by Allman, to approve January 22, 2024, minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Higbie, Jerome, Lafler, and Wright.**  
**No: none.**  
**Absent: Alonzi and Whitmore.**

*Update on Grant Applications*

Finance Director Dancer told Committee members he had received a preliminary determination on the Michigan Community Center and Neighborhood Initiatives Grant. He said Alma was expected to receive partial funding in the amount of \$323,000, and final determination was expected later in the week.

Dancer explained they will be applying for grants available from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for safety training for Public Works and security cameras for the parks. He said he expects the grant would cover 50% of security equipment hardware. Dancer went on to say application is due by April 10th, with an answer expected in approximately six weeks, and if granted the group could move forward on security cameras.

Dancer also talked about a Community Forestry Grant that could be used for assessment of trees in the parks, as well as removal and replacement. Discussion followed regarding the possible tree study, and the need for repair of the Conservation Park parking lot.

*FY 2025 Parks Capital Budget*

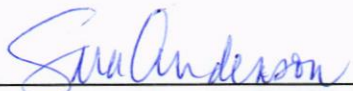
Dancer led a brief discussion regarding projects that should be prioritized with funds that may be available for capital projects in the Parks budget, including replacement of failing assets, a pickle ball court, updates to the volleyball court and amphitheater by the Library, and replacement of benches, tables, and grills over the next three years.

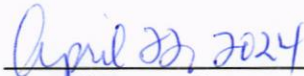
Public Services Director David Ringle provided a brief update on the proposed pump track at Conservation Park. He noted they made recommendations for a location change and are waiting to hear back from organizers.

No additional business was presented, and no public comments were offered.

**Motion by Whitmore, seconded by Allman, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Motion carried.**

**Yes: Allman, Higbie, Jerome, Lafler, and Wright.**  
**No: none.**  
**Absent: Alonzi and Whitmore.**

  
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Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

  
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Date of Approval