

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Village Hall
7227 Huron Avenue, Lexington, MI 48450

AGENDA

DATE OF MEETING: FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025
TYPE OF MEETING: SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TIME OF MEETING: 9:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER / SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

ROLL CALL BY CLERK

PUBLIC COMMENT

BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATION

- A. Discuss providing a letter of support to seek potential, additional grant funding from the State of Michigan for improvements to Tierney Park. If these funding efforts are successful, any and all such grant dollars would be used solely for capital expenditures to upgrade and improve the Park, consistent with the Tierney Park/upland plan prepared by Edgewater Resources on behalf of the Village, and as approved by the Village –

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Posted 3-12-25 @ 1:45 p.m.

Vicki A. Scott, Clerk.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Village of Lexington to express its support for a state grant relating to planned renovations and improvements at Patrick Tierney Park. This transformational project will bring much needed improvements to the Village's primary public gathering space. The Park's renovation is being undertaken by the Village in connection with the overhaul of the adjacent Lexington State Harbor, a project that is being overseen by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and the US Army Corp of Engineers. As part of the uplands portion of this project, the Village is undertaking a complete redesign of Tierney Park to improve pedestrian access to and along the waterfront, enhance green space and improve public enjoyment of the park. The centerpiece of this redesign, as depicted on the attached plan, is the creation of a new elliptical central gathering space and the construction at the northern end of a new pavilion structure and restroom facilities. The pavilion will be used for musical performances and other public gatherings at Tierney Park, and replaces a current structure which is in need of substantial repair and in its current location blocks access and visibility to the lake and lacks ADA accessibility.

While the marina portion of the project is fully funded, additional support is needed to proceed with the full renovation of Tierney Park at the same time as renovations to the Marina are being undertaken. This in turn would ensure that the marina, which is largely used for transient boaters, has the intended benefits to the community, by providing a first-rate venue of the Village's music program and other seasonal programming, which serves the entire region. Further, the redesigned park will enhance the connection between the marina and the Village's business district, creating greater economic impact for the Village.

The Village greatly appreciates the potential of additional state support for our efforts, and believes such support will provide substantial public benefit to our community.

Regards

Kristen Kaatz
Village of Lexington
Council President