1. Chairperson Stearley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Wm. Ferry Park.

   Absent: None

3. Moved by Brooks, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the July 21, 2022, meeting minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comments: None.

5. Terry Bandstra, Painting Services of West Michigan, Inc., discussed his proposal for painting the pavilion’s wood ceiling at Wm. Ferry Park. Mr. Bandstra answered questions from Commissioners. The consensus of members was to request another quote.

6. Pam Blough, PM Blough, Inc., discussed the preliminary score from the City’s Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant application for Fire Barn Park Improvements. Ms. Blough reviewed a draft response to questions and comments regarding the grant application.

7. Pam Blough, PM Blough, Inc., reviewed an issued raised by the DNR regarding the grant the City received in 1972 for improvements at Fire Barn Park which showed the land where the Fire Station addition buildings are was to be preserved in perpetuity for recreational purposes. The buildings constitute a violation of the grant agreement and the land used for the buildings must be mitigated on a new piece of property. Also, as the grant was a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, the Federal Government will need to approve any plan to mitigate the property. Ms. Blough commented she was working to set up a meeting with a representative of the DNR to discuss.

8. Commissioners discussed the trees at Wm. Ferry Park and whether any trees needed to be removed. The consensus of members was to not remove any trees.

9. Commissioners discussed the Coast Guard Community Picnic, which was on Sunday, July 31, 2022. Manager Bessinger commented the family who was to provide pony rides had a family medical emergency and could not attend the picnic and apologized. The consensus was to schedule the ponies for the Sunday, July 30, 2023, Coast Guard Community Picnic and to book the band Sweet Justice to perform at the picnic.

10. Commissioners discussed donations received for Fire Barn Park Improvements.
11. Members Reports:

   Members asked the status for the site improvements at the Hezekiah Smith Historical Marker.

12. The next meeting was scheduled for October 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m., at Ferrysburg City Hall.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Craig Bessinger, Acting Secretary