

Yates Township Board
Special Meeting Minutes, Saturday, April 18, 2026
Yates Township Office Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S Nelson Rd., Idlewild, MI 49642

1. Call to Order: Supervisor Grier called the meeting to order at 9:21 am
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
 - ☐ P ☒ Supervisor Grier
 - ☐ A ☒ Clerk McGregor (excused)
 - ☐ P ☒ Treasurer Patterson
 - ☐ P ☒ Trustee Tate
 - ☐ A ☒ Trustee Coffey (excused)

Yates Township Department Heads and Staff in attendance:

- Deputy Clerk Marshelean Garrett
- Deputy Treasurer Krystin Patterson
- Fire Chief Eric Meehan
- Zoning Administrator Eric Cody
- Zoning Enforcement Officer Carmen Crockett-Grier
- HSSC Director William Diggs
- Maintenance Team Ezell Davis and Wynter Eberhart
- Planning Commission Chair Amy Ellis

4. Motion made by **Treasurer Patterson**, to approve a grounds rental application for June 27-28, 2026 Idlewild Music Festival sponsored by The Merry Makers Organization. Attorney, Tom Evans as speaker. **Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea - 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried.**

Detailed overview of agenda items to be discussed in today's meeting and formal introduction of Yates Township employees in attendance. Key points address Yates Township Website upgrade, Capital and Ecological Stewardship, Strategic Direction, Responsible management, Potential community grant opportunities, and Yates Township Standard Operating Procedures i.e. SOP.

5. Motion made by **Trustee Tate** to adopt the official logo of Yates Township identified in herein, to be utilized across all appropriate written and digital communications, inclusive of the Township's address, phone, fax and applicable department identification, for the purpose of ensuring consistent branding and unified Township cohesion. **Second by Treasurer Patterson. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried.**
6. **Motion made by Supervisor Grier** to approve and adopt a township wide internal recycling practice for paper and cardboard across all Yates Township facilities, effective immediately, as part of our ecological stewardship commitment. **Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay – 0 Motion Carried**

7. **Motion made by Treasurer Patterson** to permit **Supervisor Grier** to pursue Great Lakes Energy Grant specifically to continue and expand the Idlewild Historical Artist Marker program and to include the Idlewild Black Heritage Trail Project.
Seconded by Trustee Tate. Voice Vote: Yea – 3; Nay -0 Motion Carried.
8. **Public Comments limited to 3 minutes**
9. Board Member Comments – Supervisor Grier invited all present to tour the Flamingo Club immediately following this meeting.
10. **Motion made by Treasurer Patterson and Seconded by Trustee Tate to**
Adjourn this Meeting at 11:38 am

Respectfully Submitted;



Marshelean Garrett, Deputy Clerk
Yates Township

YTB Approved 5/21/2026