Yates Township Board
Special Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Yates Township Office Building
In person and Zoom
6437 S Nelson Rd., Idlewild, MI 49642

Call to Order: Supervisor Grier called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:
__P__ Supervisor Grier
__A__ Clerk McGregory (excused)
__P__ Treasurer Patterson
__P__ Trustee Tate
__A__ Trustee Coffey

Public comments limited to 3 minutes - None

Motion to approve Consent Agenda (meeting minutes, monthly bills, treasurers report, and departmental written adding Item 12 I, RFP to dispose of Unused outdoor Mailbox at Township Office and requesting Items 10 e, g, and I as oral reports; Consent to move to next meeting Items 11b, 12g and h. Motion by
Supervisor Grier, Seconded by Treasurer Patterson, call for Question.
Motion to approve consent agenda with changes, Supervisor Grier, Seconded by Trustee Tate,
Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried

Sheriff Martin not in attendance.
Planning Commission Chair Amy Ellis – Master Plan Meetings scheduled for November 9 and 19, 2026.
Ordinance Enforcement Officer Carmen Grier read written report attached to these minutes and noted
MHSDA Block Grant with more information to follow.
Parks & Recs Committee Chair Kenya McHenry (on zoom) requested permission to decorate Williams Island and other areas for the Holiday season lead by the committee. Reported on scheduled Professional Development session for committee members scheduled for November 9, 2026.
Yates Township Transit Authority (YTTA)Board Chairman Kyle Grier shared info of 50 Year Celebration of Yates Dial-a-Ride services held in August 2026 and thanked Yates Township for Resolution acknowledging this milestone.

Supervisor Grier-Pending Business:
- October 20, 2026 Black Heritage Trail Display at Yates Township scheduled at 1, 3, & 5:00 PM.
- Large Item Priorities Rubric Agenda Item 11b is tabled until the November meeting.
- RFQ (Request for Quotes) being sought for IT Consultants, Auditor, and Trash/Garbage Collection.

Motion by Supervisor Grier to allow RFQ's for IT, Auditor, and Trash/Garbage Collection.
Seconded by Trustee Tate; Voice Vote, Unanimous – Motion Carried.

Trustee Tate, Ex-Officio Parks & Rec Committee – November 10, 2026 next Parks & Recs Committee meeting. Committee will be meeting every two months.

New Business

Motion by Supervisor Grier for attendance at MTA/TGA Winter Academy at a cost of $175 each for Trustee Tate and Supervisor Grier. **Seconded by Treasurer Patterson**
Discussion, $175 each for both days of Academy with accommodations- Yes.
Voice Vote: Unanimous - Motion Carried

Supervisor Grier addressed Upgrade of Township Security Alarm. Sheriffs Department reports to many "false alarms". An RFQ for upgrades from current provider, Brooks Security is $1,454.00.
Motion by Supervisor Grier to approve quoted upgrade by Brooks Security. **Seconded by Trustee Tate**.
Voice Vote – Unanimous – Motion Carried

Agenda Item 12d, Energy Reduction Coalition and savings to Township by moving to energy efficient LED lighting addressed by Supervisor Grier. Board discussion covered cost to the Township and if this covered all Township campuses (Fire, HSSC, Township and Library). Supervisor Grier allowed questions from floor. After which, he shared additional information about this initiative.

Motion by Supv. Grier to table Agenda Itm.12e, Habitat for Humanity Land Use Permit fee reduction request
Seconded by Treasurer Patterson. Voice Vote: Unanimous, Motion Carried

Supervisor Grier moved for Item 12f Resolution to establish Idlewild African American History Museum & Archive as a permanent institution of Yates Township**. Seconded by Treasurer Patterson.**
Call for discussion. *Motion amended.*
Motion by Supervisor Grier *to table until next meeting of Township Board****, Seconded by Treasurer Patterson.***
Roll Call Vote: Unanimous, Motion Carried

Treasurer Patterson address the disposal of unused Mailbox. Supervisor Grier raised a question of proper Asset Disposal of Township property.
Supervisor Grier made a motion to table the sale of the mailbox. **Seconded by Treasurer Patterson**
Call for Discussion – Trustee Tate ask for full discussion on all Asset Disposal items of the Township.
Supervisor Grier rescinded original motion and motioned that Asset Disposal to include mailbox be tabled.
Seconded by Treasurer Patterson; Voice **Vote – Unanimous**.

Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes per person). Dr. Fenobia Dallas, Kyle Grier, Linda McClure, Kenya McHenry

Board Comments:
Supervisor Grier – Staff meetings scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month.
Trustee Tate announced Community Harvest Fest Saturday October 24, 2026, 6:00-8:00 PM.

Motion to adjourned Supervisor Grier, Seconded by Trustee Tate,
Voice Vote: Unanimous - Motion Carried.

Adjourned 5:52 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Marshelean Garrett, Deputy Clerk

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