

SOUTH HAVEN PICKLEBALL CLUB, INC.

April 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Mike Sawyer's House

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mike Sawyer, President
Jim Slattery, Vice President
Mike Marcus, Treasurer
Nancy Hillegonds, Secretary
Jim Robinson, At Large
Tricia Hudson, At Large
Mark Coons, At Large

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA:

Moved: Nancy Hillegonds
Second: Tricia Hudson
Approved

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES:

Moved to Waive Reading of Minutes for December 1, 2025 and March 5, 2026: Jim Robinson
Second: Mike Sawyer
Approved

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion to Waive reading of Treasurer's report and Accept as Presented: Nancy Hillegonds
Second: Jim Slattery
Approved

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

OLD BUSINESS:

*Mike Sawyer had a meeting with Chris VanHekken regarding the cost analysis submitted by Abonmarche Engineering and what it would cost to get Riverwoods developed into an all inclusive park

*Total Approximate Cost: \$1 million; does not include bathrooms

*SHARA portion of development costs: \$670,000

* Does not include Pickleball Courts; separate fundraising by Pickleball Club would be required

* Granting season is now closed; next funding cycle applications due April, 2027; approval early winter; meaning funds not available until spring of 2028

* SHPC is basically at a standstill; can't begin fundraising without commitments from SHARA (and City)

* Chris VanHekken has been sent all the information about the Pump Track; will investigate and see if there is any interest

* Lake Michigan College is still viable; trying to get a meeting

* Pickleball Lessons scheduled for the first two weeks in June; 4:00-5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Senior Center

* Cathy Duda sent an article about recycling used/broken pickle balls;

* Mike to mention it in newsletter to see if anyone wants to take up the effort to see how this is done

* Pickleballers are volunteering to build a handicap ramp for a SHPC member

CHALLENGE COURT:

- * Mark Coons has proposed the Club designates "challenge" court
- * Players who win stay on the court; no limit on the number of games; winning players stay until they lose
- * Mark to develop a plan/process
- * Mike to print something up to be posted at the courts

NEW BUSINESS

BYLAW CHANGE:

***A proposal to Amend Article VI Section 1:**

- * The change calls for SHPC general membership to elect individuals to the Board
- * The elected Board Members to vote on officer positions at the initial meeting after elections
- * SHPC, Inc. will have three board vacancies that need to be filled for the upcoming term

Motion to Accept the Above Change to Bylaws: Mark Coons

Second: Nancy Hillegonds

Approved

***A proposal to Add a section to Article VII; Section 8:**

- * This language would identify the process by which a Board Member can be removed during their term

* **Motion to Table** Proposed Amended Language: Nancy Hillegonds

Second: Jim Robinson

Approved

COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Mike Sawyer to send out a newsletter with updates and a recap of yearly activities and projects

*Jim Slattery indicated that he has received three donations toward the effort to construct courts; offer has been made to return the donations since project is at a standstill; of the three donations made, two donors requested the funds remain with SHPBC, Inc., specifically earmarked for court construction; one donation was returned.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Nancy Hillegonds

Second: Tricia Hudson

Approved

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

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