

Concord Village Voice ♦ May 2021

Village of Concord: 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am- 6pm

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Village Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings are held in the Village Commons unless otherwise noted and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

The Village Council will now meet one time per month!!

Village Council: May 25th @ 7:00pm At the Community Center

Parks & Recreation: May 4th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: May 18th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: May 19th @ 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

ABC ACADEMY

ABC Academy Concord location is offering Preschool, Latchkey and Summer Camp programs at Concord Community Schools!

Our programs include:

Full and Half Day Preschool for children ages 33 months to 4 years of age.

State Funded Free GSRP Preschool for children 4 years of age.

Before and After school Latchkey Programs

Summer Camp Programs

Music and Yoga Enrichment programs

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology

Security Access Doors.

Electronic Parent Communication Systems

Please contact Cyndi Laeder, Program Director at

cynthial@abcacademyjackson.com or by phone at 517-740-0167 If you are interested in enrolling your child in our high quality programs.

Visit our website for more information

www.abcacademyjackson.com

ABC Academy-a great place for your child to grow, learn and succeed!

Attention Concord Village Residents:

If Semco has completed work on your property and did not leave it in the same condition it was prior to the work please contact Semco Customer Service at 1-800-624-2019. Semco is responsible for the repairs.

Concord Community Clean-up

Saturday May 15, 2021 9am-1pm

Gottschalk Park, 420 Homer Rd.

Dumping Fee: \$10.00 full or part pickup or 4x4x8 trailer load.
Any questions? Call the Township Office at 517-524-6804.

Concord Fire Dept Scrap Metal Collection

Saturday May 15, 2021 9am-1pm

Gottschalk Park, 420 Homer Rd.

Scrap Metal Only

More info? Call 517-524-6804.

Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day 2021 will be observed on Monday, May 31 with a parade from the Middle School parking lot at 10 a.m. service immediately following at Maple Grove Cemetery, Concord, MI.

Anyone person or group wishing to participate should call 517-937-3334.

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste shall be collected during the first FULL week of each month, weather permitting, according to the following policies: All materials for collection shall be placed at the edge of the street no later than 7:00 am of the morning of the collection week. All eligible materials shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags, bundles or labeled containers with a maximum of 50 lbs. per unit. The maximum limit is 10 units, per residence, per pick up. Leaves may be left loose for collection in the fall. Tree limbs and brush must be cut to lengths not exceeding 5 feet and cannot exceed 6 inches in circumference.

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours! Drop by to see what new books and movies are in or place a hold online and pick it up at the circulation desk! Computers can be accessed for up to an hour per day! Browsing is still closed to the public, but the friendly staff is there to welcome and assist you!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

Village Voice—Village of Concord Website

Do you have community information you want included in the Village Voice or on Village of Concord Website? Call Village Office. Email: office@villageofconcord.com. All info. must be submitted a week or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the June issue is May 20th.

GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

You may have three additional bags of garbage if you have a 90 gal trash bin!
Please place all bags of garbage and recycling in your bin!

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

Village Council Meeting Minutes– March 23, 2021 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/23/2021 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

E. Poleski asked about the trail and if a decision had been made on the route. J. Bush informed him that the April meeting has been canceled and they will meet in May to continue the discussion. For information on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

K. Wyatt asked if there were any updates on the situation at 203 N. Main. J. Bush stated that it is still ongoing and Village attorney F. Lucas is working on it.

M. Lehman attended the meeting to discuss the Concord Classic and ask if anyone had questions about why it was being held at Gottschalk Park this year. This is what was stated on the Concord Classic Facebook Page - There was a lot of thought that was put into the decision and frankly Jason Blossom and I (Matt Lehman) felt that the park would be the best option this year.

1. Better parking! This has been a major issue during the weekend and with the road project, it's even more of an issue.
 2. Fewer detours to allow better traffic flow. We will only block off from Allman to Spring St. This has also been a major issue and with the road construction, it's an even bigger issue.
 3. Covid...whether we like it or not, Covid guidelines may still be in place, and having it at the park, which is a bigger space, is smarter for 2021.
 4. The park will allow us to better utilize the volleyball courts, basketball courts, community center, baseball/softball fields, and other spaces, including more space for the bounce houses that are very popular with the kids.
 5. The pavilions at the park will allow shelter from the elements and provide a place for bands. This is a cost-saving since we will not need to purchase as many tents as normal.
 6. Set up...we will have more time setting up the park and getting things ready during the week. This includes moving bounce houses and detour signs.
 7. We will have the normal fixings of food and beverages. The beverages will be coordinated by the Concord Athletic Booster Club.
 8. The 4th of July Celebration was always held at the park and from what I've heard, it was the highlight of the year and very successful...just like Concord Classic Weekend!
 9. The fireworks show was going to have to move regardless. M & K Jetting and Televising donated \$10,000 towards the show for this year. The park allows for a better place to view and more space.
 10. There will be a lot of people in town for this weekend and we still feel businesses will flourish during the weekend.
- Seven years ago, I approached Jason on the idea of having a festival. This was a partnership between the village and the school. Each year it has gotten better and grown. It has become an event for everyone to come back to Concord if you're a native/graduate or come to check out Concord because it a nice place to visit. I have loved having it downtown and would certainly revisit it again in 2022. But under the circumstances I described above, we will have it at the park and you won't be disappointed!

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$104,142.48 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$104,142.48. Motion approved by all.

USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$98,233.80 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$98,233.80 . Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's December Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom informed the council that another new house is being built in the Paddock subdivision by Allen Edwin Homes. He also gave an update on the water main project. Harmon Ave. and Michigan St. to the well house are complete. The old main has been terminated and they have been hooked up to the new main. They have started hooking up services on S. Union St. The storm sewer on Main Street from Third to Center must be rebuilt. It will be paid from Major Street and some from Local Street. The total cost will be \$145,023.20. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded M. Lovitt to pay \$145,023.20 to have the storm sewer on S. rebuilt. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom also informed the council of the electricity at the park and that it is in bad shape. Aladdin gave a rough estimate of \$3,490.00 to make the repairs. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to have Aladdin fix the electricity at the park. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom informed the council that Bill Mulally, baseball tournament coordinator, donated a scoreboard for the baseball field at the park. The high beams for it to stand on are being donated by Precise Machine and Blossom Farms. He also stated that Consumers, who the village has had a tree removal contract with for years is no longer doing tree removal. The Village is accepting bids from other tree removal companies. J. Blossom and J. Bush are working on a grant for Major/Local Streets. The grant is a 50/50 match. They will be crunching the numbers in the next few days to see what the village has available to work with in these funds.

J. Bush discussed the Ordinance updates that were redone by Village attorney F. Lucas. The council was emailed the new ordinances to review. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to adopt the updated ordinances. Roll call vote as follows: J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, K. George – aye. Absent – T. Casey. Motion approved.

J. Bush asked the council if they would like to reinstate late fees on utility bills. All agreed that the 12 months of not applying late fees was very generous but will resume with the April 2021 payment due date.

Council Comments:

A. Meeks informed the council that at the March Fire Board meeting they approved the purchase of a new Fire Engine. It will be delivered in the Fall.