



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Fernandes, Masi, Johnson, O'Rourke

ABSENT: Palmer, Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Recording Secretary Gross, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Commissioner Arnold requested discussion on pickleball courts be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Fernandes requested an update on current park projects within the city be added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 4-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2022, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Masi, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the March 14, 2022, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Pickleball Courts

Commissioner Arnold said she would like to have the discussion about adding pickleball courts to our city parks. Ms. Arnold said it has become a popular activity for all ages. Ms. Arnold said she feels they would be utilized frequently and would be an asset to the community.

Commissioner Fernandes, Masi, and O'Rourke expressed their support for the pickleball courts.

Chairman O'Rourke asked commissioner Fernandes what the best approach would be to pursue this idea.

Commissioner Fernandes said we should have Mr. Ladd bring us back some quotes at a future meeting. Ms. Fernandes suggested converting the current tennis court to pickleball. Ms. Fernandes asked Mr. Ladd to bring back quotes for both constructing new pickleball courts and for converting the tennis courts over to pickleball.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said he will look into it and provide some quotes for the commission. Mr. Ladd said it won't be for a few months until he is able to do so.

2. Current Park Projects

DPW Superintendent Ladd provided an overview of the Mercer Beach project. Mr. Ladd explained it will be done in two phases and it is currently in phase one. Mr. Ladd said there has been a slight delay due to the frost laws. Mr. Ladd said the estimated time of completion is the end of June. Mr. Ladd said the beach will remain closed until the project is complete.

DPW Superintendent Ladd gave an update on the progress at Riley Park. Mr. Ladd said the old playground equipment has been removed and the park is being prepared for the installation of the new equipment. Mr. Ladd said the rubber material cannot be installed, if it is below a certain temperature out. Mr. Ladd said therefore the installation is dependent on the weather. Mr. Ladd said they are hoping the weather will cooperate within the next couple weeks.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said this week the DPW crew will be working on preparing Hiram Sims Park for the spring egg hunt this weekend.

3. Spring Egg Hunt

Recording Secretary Gross said the Spring Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 16th from 11 am – 1 pm. Ms. Gross requested that the commission members be at Hiram Sims Park by 10 am to help with set-up.

Commissioner Fernandes reminded the commission members to promote the event on social media.

4. Memorial Day Parade

Recording Secretary Gross said due to the construction going on at Mercer Beach and the resurfacing of Pontiac Trail we have come up with an alternative Memorial Day parade route this year. Ms. Gross said the parade will be along Maple Road and end at the city's public safety campus. Ms. Gross said the new route is about the same length

as the prior route. Ms. Gross handed out a map indicating the new route to the commission members.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays mentioned the staging of the parade will take place on the property of the Orchard Grove Church and the Walled Lake School's offices. Ms. Jaquays said this change is due to the construction and resurfacing of roads that could interfere with the route we have used in the past.

Recording Secretary Gross said she has one more detail about the parade to share. Ms. Gross said she is excited to announce that Fox 2 News Anchor and Walled Lake resident Maurielle Lue agreed to be the 2022 Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day parade. Ms. Gross provided the commission with a bio on Maurielle Lue.

P&R 4-02-22 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Miranda Gross
Deputy Clerk/ HR Administrator

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman