



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

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

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

ABSENT: Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Ackley, City Clerk Stuart, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Recording Secretary Gross, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 2-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2022, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Fernandes, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To approve the January 10, 2022 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Pond & Mosquito Treatment at Sims Park

Recording Secretary Gross said, in the past we have utilized the company Bluewater Aquatics to treat the ponds at Sims Park for weeds and algae. Ms. Gross said the company also sprays mosquito control at Sims Park.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the city has been working with the company for several years and they do a good job.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if there a price increase?

DPW Superintendent Ladd said there has been no price increase the last three years.

Recording Secretary Gross said we are looking for a motion to continue pond and mosquito treatments at Sims Park for the 2022 year.

**P&R 2-02-22 MOTION TO CONTINUE POND & MOSQUITO TREATMENTS
AT SIMS PARK FOR THE 2022 YEAR.**

Motion by Masi, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To continue pond & mosquito treatments at Sims Park for the 2022 year.

2. Spring Egg Hunt

Recording Secretary Gross said the 2022 spring egg hunt flyer was emailed to the P&R commission. Ms. Gross said the egg hunt is on April 16th, 2022, from 11AM-1PM. Ms. Gross said in the event of rain, the egg hunt will be held at the Walled Lake Fire Station. Ms. Gross said there will be a donut food truck and magician, in addition to the egg hunt. Ms. Gross said the candy has been ordered and received. Ms. Gross said we will not be dropping off the eggs at the walled lake villa this year to stuff the eggs. Ms. Gross asked the parks and recreation members to reach out if they are able to assist with stuffing the eggs.

Commissioner Fernandes asked if Ms. Gross could send out an email coordinating a date and time for the parks and recreation members to assist with stuffing the eggs.

Recording Secretary Gross said she will send out an email once a date and time has been coordinated. Ms. Gross said there are a lot of eggs to be spread out on the day of the event as well, assistance from the parks and recreation members would be greatly appreciated.

3. Farmers Market

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said the farmers market will begin on Wednesday, May 4th at 7AM. Ms. Jaquays said the application is still in the works, but as soon as it is available it will be placed on the website and will be available at city hall. Ms. Jaquays said we are looking forward to another great season.

Commissioner Fernandes asked Ms. Jaquays how many vendors she anticipates on coming back this season.

Ms. Jaquays said usually we have anywhere from ten to fifteen vendors that return.

Commissioner Fernandes asked what Ms. Jaquays goals for the market are this year.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said she would like to focus on the market's social media presence.

Commissioner Fernandes asked if Ms. Jaquays keeps track of how many people come to the market. Ms. Fernandes asked if she counts cars or heads at all during the Market.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said each city staff member wears multiple hats and it is too difficult for her to be present the entire market day. Ms. Jaquays said if one of the parks and rec. commissioners would like to volunteer to help with that, then that would be great. Ms. Jaquays said however, she does ask for vendor feedback often.

Commissioner Masi asked what kind of feedback does Ms. Jaquays get from the vendors?

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said she receives a lot of good feedback from the vendors. Ms. Jaquays said the gravel does seem to be one concern for the vendors. Ms. Jaquays said it is a possibility that the farmers market be held on the asphalt parking lot instead of the gravel in the future.

4. Memorial Day Parade

Recording Secretary Gross said the Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, May 30th at 11AM. Ms. Gross said the 2022 application was emailed to the P&R commission. Ms. Gross said it is also available on the city's website and at city hall. Ms. Gross mentioned assistance will be needed when lining the parade applicants up day of. Ms. Gross said she will provide more details as the date gets closer.

Chairman O'Rourke mentioned he knew a group that was interested in participating in the 2022 Memorial Day Parade.

Recording Secretary Gross asked that Mr. O'Rourke have the group fill out an application.

5. Summer Festival

Recording Secretary Gross said an updated schedule of events was emailed to the P&R commission and is on the city's website. Ms. Gross said the date for the summer festival was incorrect, the correct date is on June 25th with the fireworks put on by the civic fund. Ms. Gross said more information on this event will be provided in the near future.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if it was a possibility that we purchase and paint the Adirondack chairs like we have in the past for this event.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the main reason we did that was to place the chairs in the sand. Mr. Ladd said due to environmental reasons we will no longer be placing sand in the street for this event.

Recording Secretary Gross said that is one of the reasons we have renamed the event to summer festival. Ms. Gross said there will be adjustments made to the event. Ms. Gross said not much planning for the event has been done yet. Ms. Gross said we can discuss it more at the next meeting.

6. Summer Concerts

Recording Secretary Gross said she updated the design of the summer concert contracts this year. Ms. Gross said for reference she included them in the packet. Ms. Gross said several bands have reached out wanting to participate in the 2022 summer concert series. Ms. Gross said six bands that we have worked with in the past and 3 new bands. Ms. Gross said we have seven dates set for the 2022 summer concerts. Some commission members mentioned wanting to be more involved with the process. Ms. Gross said she has not booked anything yet.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if they could have until the March meeting to make any decisions on this year's concerts. Mr. O'Rourke said he knows Mr. Johnson has some ideas and suggestions he has mentioned previously.

Recording Secretary Gross said she would recommend making a decision sooner because the bands are starting to book up for the summer.

Commissioner Fernandes recommended forming a subcommittee to make decisions on the summer concerts sooner than the March meeting.

The parks and recreation members asked what was budgeted for the 2022 summer concerts.

Recording Secretary Gross said she would email out the parks and rec. budget tomorrow.

P&R 2-03-22 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Miranda Gross
Deputy Clerk

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman