



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 09, 2023**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

ABSENT: Masi, Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Recording Secretary Gross, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 1-01-23 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2022, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

City Manager Whitt thanked the commission members and staff for participating in the holiday tree lighting ceremony. Mr. Whitt said everyone sitting here tonight participated in some fashion. Mr. Whitt said he would like to thank the fire department for allowing the commission to utilize their facility. Mr. Whitt thanked Santa and Mrs. Clause for their participation. Mr. Whitt thanked his daughter for playing the role of Christmas Carol. Mr. Whitt thanked the DPW crew for their efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Recording Secretary Gross handed out the 2023 meeting schedule and asked if the commission members had any questions. Ms. Gross mentioned the document is available at city hall and on the city's website.

Chairman O'Rourke inquired about the December meeting.

Recording secretary Gross said the commission does not meet in December each year, the meeting date is the date of the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

2. 2023 Event Schedule

Recording secretary Gross said that the Spring Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8th, the Farmer's Market is every Wednesday, May through October, the Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 29th, the Summer Festival is Saturday, June 24th in accordance with the fireworks put on by the Walled Lake Civic Fund, the Trunk-or-Treat is on Sunday, October 29th, and the tree lighting ceremony is Monday, December 4th. Ms. Gross said that once the flyer is finalized, it will be available at city hall and on the city's website.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if we are seeking more participants for the parade this year and if the staging area will be held at 850 Ladd again this year.

City Manager Whitt said that the reason for the location change last year was due to road construction. Mr. Whitt said we have not discussed the parade route this year. Mr. Whitt said it did seem to work well over at 850 Ladd but we will likely need to get some approvals before any decisions are made.

Recording secretary Gross said we are always looking for parade applicants. Ms. Gross said that the Memorial Day Parade application is almost finalized. Ms. Gross said it will be available at city hall and on the city's website when completed.

3. 2023 Concerts

Recording secretary Gross said there are seven concert dates for 2023. Ms. Gross said they are June 21st, June 28th, July 12th, July 19th, July 26th, August 2nd, and August 9th. Ms. Gross said the flyer isn't finalized until the bands are selected. Ms. Gross said we have had several interested bands reach out. Ms. Gross said she has them in order by who reached out first. Ms. Gross said the selection process will take place in the near future.

4. Pickleball Courts

Recording secretary Gross said at the last meeting, the commission requested that pickleball courts be added to the agenda for discussion. Ms. Gross said the commission was going to do independent research and bring back their findings to share.

Discussion on pickleball courts was postponed until next meeting.

Commissioner Johnson requested that discussion on railway safety be added to next month's agenda.

P&R 1-02-23 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Miranda Gross
HR Administrator/ Deputy City Clerk

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman