



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2019**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Moore, Cheney, Hecht, Loch

ABSENT: DuBois, O'Rourke, Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Joyce

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Commissioner Hecht would like to add discussion on the initial applications for grant applications. This will be added as New Business #7.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 01-01-19 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2018, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Cheney, seconded Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the October 8, 2018, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

COMMUNICATION: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Holiday Tree Lighting Wrap-Up

The Commission felt the event went very well and was well attended. Chairman Moore apologized for not being there but felt it best to stay home with his illness.

It was mention that Bill Ramsey who has been our Santa for many years is moving out of the area. He mentioned that this would be his last year.

2. **Easter Egg Hunt**

- 2019 Flyer

The Commission has received a copy of the proposed flier for the event.

P&R 01-02-19 MOTION TO APPROVE THE SPRING EGG HUNT FLIER AS PROPOSED

Motion by Loch, seconded Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve Spring Egg Hunt flier.

Secretary Joyce suggested that the magician that performed at Beach Party last summer be contacted to see if he would be available to do a half hour show at the event. He does a lot of magic acts with his bunny. Commissioner Loch felt that this might be a good idea instead of the photo booth that we had last year. It was felt that we should contact Baffling Bill the Magician and get a price for a half hour magic show.

Commissioner Cheney said he would once again do the candy ordering.

Commissioner Hecht was asked if he would be interested in once again being the Easter Bunny. He said he would let the Commission know by next month.

3. **Memorial Day Parade**

Commissioner Hecht suggested that we add to the application, "Parks and Recreations Commission reserves the right to deny any applications". Secretary Joyce stated that we had asked the City Attorney about this last year and he felt that our statement "all participants must be dressed appropriately & comply with parade rules or they will be asked to leave." covered this. Secretary Joyce will once again ask him if we can add the request to deny statement.

Commissioner Hecht feels we should charge for profit organizations for participating in the parade. Overall, the Commission felt it should be a free event for participants.

P&R 01-03-19 MOTION TO APPROVE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE APPLICATION, WITH CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION TO CHANGE OR NOT CHANGE, THE APPLICATION WITH THE ADDITION OF THE DENIAL STATEMENT.

Motion by Loch, seconded Cheney, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve The Memorial Day Parade application with City Attorney's opinion on the denial statement.

The Commissioners should be looking for anyone that would be interested in being the Grand Marshall this year. If they know of anyone please let the Commission know.

4. **Summer Concerts**

The Commission would like to once again have seven summer concerts. After going over the summer calendar dates, it was determined to have them on the following Wednesdays: June 12 and 19; July 10, 17, 24, 31; and August 7. August 14, 21, and 28 be used for rainout dates.

The Commission suggested seeing if Carrie in the Library would once again be willing to design a post card listing all city events. This would include the concerts dates. No band names will be listed.

Secretary Joyce will try and get a proof for next month along with approximate costs for printing the post card and postage.

Commissioner Hecht suggested taking a headcount to see how many people attend the concerts. This would give us a number to give potential vendors.

5. **Fireworks/Beach Party - Planning**

The Beach Party is a tentative date until we have it confirmed by the Civic Fund. Secretary Joyce will see if June 22, 2019, is confirmed yet. The Commission should start thinking about ideas and suggestions for this year's event.

Chairman Moore would like to once again attend meetings for the Beach Party Planning.

6. **Parks Repair/Maintenance**

Dan Ladd from the DPW didn't have anything new to report this month; therefore he is not in attendance tonight.

7. **Grants – Initial Applications and Planning**

Mike Deem with McKenna has resigned; and his replacement is just coming on board. She is just starting to review the Parks and Recreations grant requests and Secretary Joyce will see if she will be able to attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Hecht feels we need to find out what we want to apply for and for how much. We should think bigger as we can always take less. Commissioner Hecht felt that the restoration of old baseball field could be something we could go forward with. Repaving the parking lot, pond work, platform over the pond, playscape structures, and fibar were all ideas to request grant money for.

It was felt that we won't find out if we were approved for a grant from last year's application until shortly after the upcoming years deadline. We therefore need to move forward and apply again.

The Commission discussed getting a wheelchair swing for one of the City parks sometime in the future.

There was also discussion on repaving the basketball and tennis courts. These courts need to be redone and maintained. They are an asset to the City. Commissioners would also like to see a dog park. Chairman Moore stated that this was discussed several years ago.

The Commission discussed starting the grant process with the request of repaving the basketball court and new fencing around it. Basketball courts are less maintenance than tennis courts. Commissioner Hecht feels we need to maintain what we have and not add extra work to the City.

**P&R 01-04-19 MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGETING UP TO \$4,000 FOR
McKENNA TO DRAW UP GRANT APPLCIATIONS**

Motion by Hecht, seconded Cheney, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve budgeting up to \$4,000 for McKenna and Associates to draw up grant applications.

It is imperative that the City Planner from McKenna attend next month's meeting and we need to final the grant process at the March meeting.

There was brief discussion on possibly asking for a grant to remove and replace the play structure at Riley Park.

Chairman Moore thanked Janell Joyce and the DPW crew for their help and support to the Commission.

P&R 10-05-19 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore
Chairman