



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022**

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

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

ABSENT: Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, City Clerk Stuart, Deputy Clerk Gross, Council Member Casey R. Ambrose, Captain Kolke, DPW Team Lead Ladd, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

Chairman O'Rourke requested to add discussion regarding Oakland County Parks Grant Program under new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 01-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2021, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Johnson, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To approve the October 11, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Oakland County Parks Grant Program

Chairman O'Rourke asked for an update on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Trailways and Park Improvements Grant Program.

City Manager Whitt explained that while there are grants available, they may not align with what the city is doing. Mr. Whitt said additionally, most grants require a match and that has not been budgeted or discussed with City Council. Mr. Whitt said the City does monitor grants and communicates with City Council members on available grants that address infrastructure.

City Manager Whitt introduced Council Member Casey R. Ambrose to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Whitt described the hybrid format of the meeting and said that this open and public meeting is being livestreamed on the City's YouTube page and public participation is available in-person and through ZOOM telephone call-in.

Mr. Ambrose said the City's YouTube page is easily accessible using YouTube's search function.

DISCUSSION:

1. 2022 Meeting Schedule

Confidential Assistant Jaquays presented the schedule of regular meetings for the year.

2. 2022 Event Schedule

Commissioner Fernandes asked if the summer festival will be replacing the beach party event.

City Manager Whitt said historically the event was called Beach Days which evolved into Beach Party and will now be referred to as the Walled Lake Summer Festival. Mr. Whitt said because of the work happening downtown this year, the proposed date may change.

Chairman O'Rourke asked for an update on the Farmers Market.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said she anticipates many of the vendors to return this season. Ms. Jaquays said the vendors are pleased with the enhancements that have been happening at the Public Safety Campus. Ms. Jaquays said this year's vendor layout may be on the asphalt parking lot as the gravel and rocks have raised some walkability concerns.

Chairman O'Rourke asked for an update on the Summer Concerts and potential contracts.

City Manager Whitt deferred to Ms. Gross who will provide an update at the next meeting. Mr. Whitt said the city will be providing entertainment through the summer concerts series.

Commissioner Johnson said he would like the opportunity to bring new bands to the City of Walled Lake. Mr. Johnson said he understands how COVID has impacted events. Mr. Johnson said there are acts available that would come to Walled Lake. Mr. Johnson shared some of the acts he has worked with.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if the City of Walled Lake will be having a Memorial Day Parade.

City Manager Whitt said the plan is to have a parade. Mr. Whitt said the City Council could make the decision to cancel the event.

Chairman O'Rourke asked the commissioners to please attend the Memorial Day Parade and Spring Egg Hunt and said their participation is necessary when preparing for these community events.

Commissioner Arnold asked if any help was needed preparing the eggs for the Spring Egg Hunt.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said historically the city has partnered with the Walled Lake Villa to fill the eggs. Ms. Jaquays said dependent on the health precautions at the time, the city will continue their partnership with the Villa.

Chairman O'Rourke gave special recognition to DPW Team Lead Ladd for his efforts and DPW's efforts in preparing the city campus for the holiday tree lighting ceremony. Mr. O'Rourke said the city grounds look beautiful.

DPW Team Lead Ladd thanked the commission.

P&R 1-02-22 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Hana Jaquays
Recording Secretary

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman