



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

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

ABSENT: Arnold, Fernandes

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Jaquays, Recording Secretary Gross, DPW Superintendent Ladd

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 6-01-23 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 08, 2023, PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Masi, seconded by Johnson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 08, 2023, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Memorial Day Parade After Action Report

Chairman O'Rourke thanked administration for the part they played in organizing and coordinating this year's Memorial Day Parade. Mr. O'Rourke said he heard a ton of positive feedback from neighbors and thought everything went well.

Recording Secretary Gross thanked Mr. O'Rourke and Mr. Masi for showing up on Monday morning to help with set up. Ms. Gross thanked Mr. Masi for staying to help with tearing down, as well. Ms. Gross thanked DPW for making sure the parade route was clean and clear. Ms. Gross said the weather was great and the parade was a success.

2. Farmers Market Update

Assistant to the City Manager Jaquays said we are headed into our seventh week of the farmer's market. Ms. Jaquays said we have had a record number of vendors this season thanks to our dedicated market manager, Ms. Kaylee Hall. Ms. Jaquays mentioned there will be a summer festival on Wednesday, June 21st to kick off the 2023 summer season. Ms. Jaquays said in addition to our regular vendors, there will be additional food trucks, live music, a petting zoo, and entertainment. Ms. Jaquays thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission for their continued support and encouraged them to attend the summer festival next Wednesday.

3. Summer Concert Reminder

Recording Secretary Gross said she wanted to remind the Parks & Recreation Commission members that the first summer concert will take place next Wednesday, June 21st at Hiram Sims Park from 7-9 P.M. Ms. Gross said the flyer for the summer concerts is available at city hall and on the city's website. The dates are posted to the city's calendar on the website, as well. Ms. Gross said the administration invited a couple of food trucks to the summer concert series this year. Ms. Gross said one sells ice cream and the other sells kettle corn and lemonade.

4. Summer Festival Planning Update

Recording Secretary Gross said the summer festival is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th. The city has activities planned throughout the day in partnership with DDA board Member and owner of the Green House, Jerry Millen. Ms. Gross said there will be a pet rescue from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., a BBQ food truck feeding veterans at no charge, micro wrestling, bounce houses, a petting zoo, live music, craft vendors, and more. Ms. Gross said the event will conclude with the annual firework show put on by the Walled Lake Civic Fund at dusk.

Assistant to the City Manager Jaquays added that from 4 P.M. until after the firework show, there will be a variety of food trucks along E. Walled Lake Dr. for firework watchers to enjoy. Ms. Jaquays said there will be cotton candy, kettle corn, lemonade, BBQ, vegan food, and more.

5. Oakland County Grant Submittal Report

Recording Secretary Gross said, as the commission is aware, the city applied for an Oakland County Parks & Recreation Grant for proposed pickleball courts at Riley Park. Ms. Gross said the grant award announcement was scheduled for Thursday, June 8th. Ms. Gross said she received an email on the 8th stating the county is still in the process of carefully reviewing the applications and looks forward to announcing their 2023 grantees in July. Ms. Gross said they originally hoped to make the announcement this month, however, they are having to push the timeline back due to the number and complexity of the applications.

P&R 6-02-23 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Miranda Gross
HR Director/ Deputy City Clerk

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman