



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Fernandes, Masi, Johnson

ABSENT: O'Rourke, Palmer, Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT: Captain Kolke, DPW Team Lead Ladd, Recording Secretary Gross

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 06-01-21 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2021, PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Masi, seconded by Johnson, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To approve the May 10, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Park Walk Through

The commission members agreed to postpone discussion on the park walk through again, until chairman O'Rourke is in attendance.

Commissioner Masi asked if a few park benches could be added to Mercer Beach. Mr. Masi said there is a decent amount of empty space and currently there is not a lot of seating.

DPW Team Lead Ladd said he believes the city has a few extra benches we could move over there. Mr. Ladd said he would see what he could do.

Recording Secretary Gross said the first summer concert was held at Hiram Sims Park on Wednesday, June 9th from 7-9 P.M. Ms. Gross said the weather was nice and about 30-35 people were in attendance. The band that performed was Groove Suns. Ms. Gross said the band emailed the next day saying they had a great time and would love to be considered again for next year's concerts. Ms. Gross said she hoped to see commission

members at this week's concert on Wednesday, June 16. The band is Five Becomes West.

DPW Team Lead Ladd said he hoped the commission had time to check out the new parking lots at Riley, Marshal Taylor, and Sims Park. Mr. Ladd said the parking lots have been improved significantly.

Commissioner Johnson said he did check out two out of the three parks and they looked great.

Recording Secretary Gross thanked Mr. Ladd for making sure the park looked great for the summer concert last Wednesday. Ms. Gross said she believes the people that attended really enjoyed the nice smooth parking lot.

Recording Secretary Gross said the Walled Lake summer festival will be this Saturday, June 19th. Ms. Gross said due to low vendor turnout, all vendors will be placed on E. Walled Lake Drive between Liberty St. and Witherall St. Road closures will be the same as they have been in the past because Market Street Church is going to have activities going on as well. Ms. Gross said vendors will be there between 2-8 P.M. The Tiki Bar Restaurant will have live music starting at 5:30 P.M. Ms. Gross said their parking lot will be enclosed because they will be serving alcoholic beverages. Ms. Gross said the Green House has a meet and greet with Red Wings legend Darren McCarty, a meet and greet with Lions Calvin Johnson & Rob Sims, art vendors from 8 A.M. – 8 P.M., dog adoptions from 9 A.M. – noon, and the opening of the historic "Banks-Dolbeer House". Ms. Gross said the Fireworks will take place at dusk.

Commissioner Arnold asked if there was a flyer or more information that they could share with the public.

Recording Secretary Gross said she would email the flyer and more information to the commission in the morning.

Commissioner Johnson asked that at the next meeting the commission discuss obtaining Parks & Recreation shirts for the commissioners for future events.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

P&R 06-02-21 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Miranda Gross
Deputy Clerk

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman