

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Walled Lake
June 13, 2016 - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Chairman Tim Moore

Present: Moore, Cheney, Costanzo, Palmer, Rondeau
Absent: Loch

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Quorum was declared.

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES --

PR06-01-16 -- Motion to approve the minutes of May 9, 2016.

Moved by Rondeau, supported by Costanzo

To approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2016, as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commissioner Costanzo mentioned that at the last meeting there was discussion about the schools getting involved in the City events with their fund raisers. He said he has encouraged them to participate in Market Day and the Farmers Market. One of the organizations was interested in setting up at the Farmers Market to sell spirit ware. The Commission discussed the organization setting up at the Farmers Market as vendors are supposed to sell products for or from the garden. Artwork can include pictures of flowers or garden scenes. All of the Walled Lake High Schools would be invited to attend and Commissioner Costanzo feels we need to get more youth involved in community events.

It needs to be noted and recognized that we are a resource for the community of the youth – we need to work together with these organizations.

Secretary Joyce said she would not turn away any organization for the Walled Lake School district but she has never been approached by any organization from the schools other than the Yum-Yum Tree group under Mylinda Penny at the Community Education School. She informed Commissioner Costanzo to have them call her and she would let

Them sell their spirit ware and but she was concerned where it could lead with other vendors wanting to sell miscellaneous products.

Chairman Moore encouraged them to get on board with Market Day which could be a big fundraiser for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Memorial Day Parade Wrap-Up

Commissioner Rondeau said she was able to watch the parade on Maple Road this year and she felt there were far more people on Maple. Overall it was felt that the numbering attending was greater again this year.

Chairman Tim Moore said that Congressman Dave Trott told him that our parade was the most personable parade he has been in; he really enjoyed our parade and he wants to do it again.

It was felt that Commissioner Bob Palmer did a great job handing out parade numbers while on his bike. This should be his responsibility in future parades.

There were handout materials found along the parade route but it seemed to be far less this year.

Next year, at the May meeting, we need to assign areas for each Commissioner to take charge of. We need to have someone at each of the major corner to move the groups along. If we don't have enough Commissioners attending then we will need to recruit volunteers.

2. Summer Concerts

Chairman Tim Moore said he has no new bands on board for July. Last Man Standing has indicated that they may come again in July – for free. They will give Chairman Moore a date if the group can agree on a date.

Signage was discussed. Commissioner Rondeau stated that the signs did not get up until the day of the concert. Secretary Joyce explained that there were several events going on at the same time with banner requests so Chelsea Rodgers was trying to work with everyone to get banners up. Commissioner Costanzo said that this seems to be a continuous struggle and frustration for the Commission. There are now 20 yard signs and 6 banner signs. There needs to be more communication with the public to let them know of events. There is frustration with some of the Commissioners that feel that needs to be a better means of communication with them and City and how events are advertised. There was concern on religious events being advertised. Where is the separation of state and church?

Commissioner Costanzo felt that there is a lack of communication or willingness of support from the City. It was felt that specific directions should be given with signs and banners. Let staff know exactly what dates the banners/signs are to go up and what dates they come down. DPW said the grommets were wrong with the banners so they had to be returned to have them put in the correct location.

Commissioner Costanzo would like to have something other than the calendar with their events listed. Can there be direct links to events other than the calendar? Secretary Joyce stated that Chelsea has done a great job of the website and if anyone has concerns or ideas that they should contact her. Chelsea has always had an open mind to ideas. He said he would be willing to help with the website if she would like.

It was stated that the DPW hadn't cleaned up the pavilion and Commissioner Costanzo went home, got a broom, and came back and swept the pavilion as there was broken glass. Secretary Joyce said he had spoken with members of the DPW and they had cleaned up and checked the area in the park in the morning and everything was clean and in good condition. Can we make a request to have the grass cut and the area cleaned the day before?

Secretary Joyce said she would contact the DPW and Chelsea Rodgers to make sure the rest of the yard signs for the concerts would be put up as well as the grass cut and the park cleaned up prior to the Wednesday concerts.

It was felt that the people that attended the concert had a good time. They brought lawn chairs and coolers and kicked back and enjoyed themselves to a night of good music.

There was discussion on Power House Dance performing before the concerts. The Commission stated that the bands start setting up well before the concert starts so the only place for them to perform would be in the grass. The Commission felt they that if they wanted to perform it would have to be in the grass.

Commissioner Costanzo said he would see if the schools had a jazz band that would like to perform at the summer concerts.

3. Movies in the Park

Zootopia has been secured for Movie in the Park night on August 20th. It was felt that we should get a quote for the park to be sprayed for mosquitos. Commissioner Rondeau will get quotes.

Vendors that should be attempted to join in on Movie in the Park Night were:

- Rock-N-Dawgs
- Face Painter
- Glo Stick Vendor

Commissioner Costanzo indicated that he would check with the Schools to see if they would or could do popcorn. It would have to be sealed bags of popcorn.

Commissioner Costanzo will follow up with the face painter that was at last year's event to see if she is again interested.

It was felt that two extra restrooms would be needed.

Commissioner Rondeau said she would check with PDQ to see if they will give us a good price on signage for Movie in the Park. It was felt there should be an arrow on the sign indicating the direction to Sims Park.

Gabe will check to see if there are more beach balls and frisbees in the DPW.

4. Market Day

Secretary Joyce said there are approximately 30 booth spaces sold for Market Day. She asked all of the Commissioners to please spread the word regarding vendor spaces. She suggested we should again advertise in the Oakland Press as they are cheaper than the Spinal Column and reach a wider customer base. She will also put in the community calendar section regarding vendor spaces available.

Secretary Joyce will check out the number of road signs we have which are put out the week of the event.

Chairman Moore suggested getting a radio station to attend Market Day and broadcast the event live. Commissioner Rondeau suggested getting 95.5 on board. She will make contact with personnel she knows at 95.5.

Commissioner Costanzo will let Bayside know of the Market Day event and dates. Chairman Moore will contact Dori Matkowski at Dance Dynamics as a follow up call regarding entertainment.

Commissioner Moore will also check out other radio stations to see if there is an interest in broadcasting at Market Day.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Costanzo mentioned event information that was published in the Oakland Press over the weekend. Several surrounding communities were listed with their summer events. It was suggested that one member of the group should be a media contact in an effort to get Walled Lake mentioned in articles which pertain to City events.

City of Walled Lake
Parks & Rec

PR06-02-16 -- Motion to appoint Media Contact

Moved by Rondeau, supported by Cheney

To appoint Commissioner Gabe Costanzo as the Parks and Recreation Media Contact.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

The Commission thanked Janell Joyce and the DPW crew for their work and efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore, Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission