



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2023**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Fernandes, Johnson, Masi, Robertson

ABSENT: O'Rourke, Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Whitt, Assistant City Manager Jaquays, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, Recording Secretary Gross, DPW Superintendent Ladd

P&R 3-01-23 MOTION TO EXCUSE CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Johnson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse chairman O'Rourke from tonight's meeting.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Commissioner Fernandes requested an update on grants, under discussion item number six.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 3-02-23 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2023, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the February 13, 2023, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Spring Egg Hunt

Recording secretary Gross said the Spring Egg Hunt Flyer is available at city hall and on the city's website. Ms. Gross said there are over 3,000 plastic eggs that need to be stuffed prior to the event. Ms. Gross said that an egg stuffing event will be held on Saturday, April 1st at 10 am in the City Council Chambers.

Commissioner Johnson said he will be in attendance.

Commissioner Arnold said she has prior obligations and will not be able to make it.

City Manager Whitt said there will be volunteers from the Walled Lake Central Arts Honor Society in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson asked what day the event was.

Recording secretary Gross said it is Saturday, April 8th.

Mr. Masi asked if any help is needed the morning of the event.

Recording secretary Gross said yes. Ms. Gross said she would appreciate it if all commission members would participate. Ms. Gross said she would send an email closer to the event, letting everyone know what time to be there.

2. Farmers Market

Assistant City Manager Jaquays said that the Farmers Market application is now live. Ms. Jaquays said it is available on the city's website and at city hall. Ms. Jaquays said past and new vendors have been notified. Ms. Jaquays mentioned the time frame of the farmers market will be changing this season. Ms. Jaquays said it will take place from 8am to 2pm. Ms. Jaquays said Ms. Kaylee Hall will be overseeing the market again this season. Ms. Jaquays said she has done a great job and is appreciative of all her help. Ms. Jaquays said opening day is Wednesday, May 3rd.

3. Memorial Day Parade

Recording secretary Gross said she wanted to let the commission know that the Memorial Day Parade application is available on the website and at city hall. Ms. Gross said that the staging area will be hosted at 850 Ladd and the parade will run along Maple Road, ending at the city's public safety campus.

4. Summer Concerts

Recording secretary Gross said she has the contracts back from all the bands. Ms. Gross said that once the flyer is complete, it will be posted on the website and available at city hall.

Commissioner Fernandes asked how many concerts there are.

Recording secretary Gross said there are 7 concerts this season. Ms. Gross said she will email the flyer to the commission as a reminder of the dates.

5. Pickleball Courts

Recording secretary Gross said this discussion item ties in with the topic commissioner Fernandes requested to be added as agenda item number six.

6. Grants

Recording secretary Gross said Oakland County sent out an email last week in regard to a grant opportunity. Ms. Gross said there is \$650,000 available for the 2023 Oakland County parks and recreation park improvement and trailways grant program. Ms. Gross mentioned there is a match required but there are two options, either 25% or 50%. Ms. Gross said this would be the perfect opportunity to assist the city with developing pickleball courts. Ms. Gross said that the application deadline is April 21st and the award announcement will be on June 8th. Ms. Gross said that Ms. Jaquays and herself will work on applying for the grant and might be reaching out for letters of support.

City Manager Whitt mentioned that incorporating the pickleball courts at Riley Park would place them in the downtown district. Mr. Whitt said, as a result, the DDA might be able to help fund this project.

P&R 3-03-23 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Miranda Gross
HR Director/ Deputy City Clerk

Robert Robertson