



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Cheney, Johnson, Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Ackley, Council Member Owsinek, DDA Board Member Millen, Recording Secretary Gross, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 03-01-21 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the February 8, 2021 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Parks & Recreation Commission 2022 & 2023 Budget Discussion

Chairman O'Rourke explained the purpose of this agenda item for the new members on the commission. Mr. O'Rourke said he will be sending an email out asking the commissioners if they would like to see any changes from the prior years budget. Mr. O'Rourke said this will get the discussion started and then they would be prepared at the next meeting to make a recommendation to council for the parks and recreation 2022 & 2023 budget.

2. 2021 Park Walk Through

Chairman O'Rourke said in the spring we usually walk through each of the city parks and identify any issues or improvements that need to be made. Mr. O'Rourke said due to the pandemic he thinks it would be best if each commissioner examines the parks individually. Mr. O'Rourke asked that everyone on the commission take notes and then email them to him. Mr. O'Rourke said he will then combine the notes and report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Fernandes asked if we could find out how old each play structure is and how often they should be replaced.

Chairman O'Rourke said he would ask DPW Team Lead Ladd if he could provide us with that information.

Commissioner Masi asked if he could get a list of all the parks located in Walled Lake.

Chairman O'Rourke said if you visit the city website at walledlake.com all the parks are listed with their location and a description. Mr. O'Rourke said there is also a park guide at city hall.

3. 2021 Events

Recording Secretary Gross said unfortunately the city has decided to cancel the 2021 spring egg hunt due to COVID-19. Ms. Gross said with this event, it would be extremely challenging to enforce social distancing and safety precautions. The decision has been made with the community's best interest in mind.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said as of right now, the farmers market should be able to open the first Wednesday of April, as planned. Ms. Jaquays said safety precautions will be similar to last year's farmers market season. Ms. Jaquays said overall people did a good job of social distancing and wearing their masks.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if the summer concerts are going to take place as planned this year.

Recording Secretary Gross said she can't say for sure. Ms. Gross said they are usually smaller events, so it might be possible to ensure social distancing and proper safety precautions are being taken. Ms. Gross said city administration has began pre-planning in hopes the concerts will be able to occur.

Mr. O'Rourke asked that discussion on the 2021 summer concerts be added to the April agenda.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

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The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Miranda Gross
Deputy Clerk

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman