



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022**

Confidential Assistant Ms. Hana Jaquays welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled March 14th, 2022, Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Jaquays explained this open public meeting is being livestreamed on the City's YouTube page and public participation is available in-person and through ZOOM telephone call-in. Ms. Jaquays introduced, Mayor Ackley, City Manager Whitt, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DPW Superintendent Dan Ladd, Deputy City Clerk/HR Administrator Gross and Merge Live.

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, Mayor Ackley, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Recording Secretary Gross, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 3-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2022, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Johnson, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To approve the February 14, 2022 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Update on Mercer Beach Improvements, Phase I

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained Mercer Beach Phase I has started. Mr. Ladd explained this will be a very environmentally friendly project for the lake. Mr. Ladd said

the storm pipe will be relocated, and a storm sceptor will be placed. Mr. Ladd explained the storm sceptor will help by removing heavy metals before the water enters the lake. Mr. Ladd explained the timeline on the beach project. Mr. Ladd said the start of the second phase should be by June 30th.

City Manager Whitt asked Ms. Jaquays to give an update on the road projects coming up and asked Mr. Ladd to add anything if necessary.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays explained there are many road improvements that will be happening very shortly within the city. Ms. Jaquays explained the resurfacing of Pontiac Trail through the Oakland County Tri Party Program is scheduled. Ms. Jaquays explained the tri party program is a program funded through three separate organizations, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, the Oakland County Road Commission and the cities, villages, and townships within Oakland County. Ms. Jaquays explained Pontiac Trail will be addressed from E. West Maple Road all the way up to city limits. Ms. Jaquays explained the DDA, and city are inviting business along Pontiac Trail to participate in a public private partnership for sidewalk improvements within the Pontiac Trail area as well.

DPW Superintendent Ladd explained the work on Pontiac Trail from E. West Maple all the way to west side towards the City of Wixom is approximately three miles. Mr. Ladd explained Pontiac Trail will have an overlay process, mill and cap the road while also addressing and raising the structure to meet the elevations, removing dips and bumps. Mr. Ladd explained this approach does not impede traffic too much.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said Decker Road in between 14 Mile and Maple Road is another upcoming project. Mr. Ladd said the reconstruction of Decker Road includes infrastructure stormwater control, pulverization of existing asphalt and repaving of the road to match existing elevations. Mr. Ladd said we don't have an exact timeline for this project yet, but we are hoping it will start sometime in April. Mr. Ladd explained he is trying his best to coordinate the completion of the Decker Road rehabilitation and completion of GLWA's 14 Mile project at the same time. Mr. Ladd explained the plan is to not close Decker or Novi Road for construction.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said he would like to provide one more update. Mr. Ladd said that the department of public works will begin removing the old playground equipment at Riley Park within the next week or so. Mr. Ladd said the new playground equipment has been paid for and is being stored until the installation. Mr. Ladd said it will be installed sometime this spring.

2. Spring Egg Hunt

Recording secretary Gross said she would like to thank the two parks & recreation commission members that showed up on Saturday, March 5th to help prepare the eggs for the spring egg hunt. Ms. Gross said with the help of Mr. Robertson, Mr. Masi, Mayor Pro Tem Lublin, Council Member Owsinek, and city staff we filled over 2000 eggs in less than two hours. Ms. Gross said the eggs are now ready to go and all the entertainment has

been booked. Ms. Gross said if it rains, we will have the event at the Walled Lake Fire Station. Ms. Gross asked that the commission members be at the park by 9:30/10:00 A.M. to help set up.

3. Summer Concerts

Recording secretary Gross said she was directed to reach out to the interested bands since it is so late in the season. Ms. Gross said she sent an email asking for the band's availability and their fees. Ms. Gross said there were several bands that were unavailable because of the late notice. Ms. Gross said she did receive feedback from enough vendors to fill the seven time slots. Ms. Gross said a few of those bands are new and a few of them have played for us in the past.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his concern for the lack of diversity when it comes to the bands for these concerts. Mr. Johnson also mentioned there would be better turnout if they were hosted in a more popular area. Mr. Johnson suggested maybe hosting them at the public safety campus.

City Manager Whitt disagreed with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Whitt said the bands and their music are diverse. Mr. Whitt said the bands that are selected are based on the desire of the people who attend these concerts. Mr. Whitt said most of those people being Walled Lake Residents. Mr. Whitt said they are called concerts in the park because they are hosted at Sims Park. Mr. Whitt said we may be able to have some concerts at the public safety campus in the future but as of right now there are other things that need to be done to the campus first. Mr. Whitt reminded the commission that these concerts are not supposed to attract hundreds of people to the park. Mr. Whitt said they are meant to be smaller concerts to bring the community together for a relaxing time.

P&R 3-02-22 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Miranda Gross
Deputy Clerk/ HR Administrator

Robert Robertson
Commission Member