



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Masi, Johnson, O'Rourke, Robertson

ABSENT: Fernandes, Palmer

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

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Chairman O'Rourke requested discussion on the 2022 summer concerts be added as item number six.

Commissioner Arnold requested discussion on pickleball courts be added as item number seven.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 10-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Robertson, seconded by Johnson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the September 12, 2022, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Walled Lake Beach Update

Recording Secretary Gross said at the last parks and recreation meeting there was discussion about putting up a new fence at Mercer Beach. Ms. Gross said she wanted to update the commission on the style and color of the chosen fence. Ms. Gross passed out a flyer to those attending in person. Ms. Gross said she would send an email with pictures attached, for those attending virtually.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if the fence was going to be placed on the beach, along E. Walled Lake Dr?

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said no, the fence will only run along the East and West side of the beach.

Commissioner Johnson mentioned that at a prior meeting, the commission discussed getting some signage at the beach. Mr. Johnson asked if there were any updates on that.

Recording Secretary Gross said the project at the beach is not complete yet. Ms. Gross said she does believe that signage is part of the future plan.

2. Trunk-or-Treat

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said the Trunk-or-Treat event will be on Sunday, October 30th from 12-2 PM. Ms. Jaquays said this event is in partnership with the Downtown Development Authority and the Greenhouse. Ms. Jaquays said this event will be held at the corner of E. Walled Lake Dr. and Pontiac Trail, across from the Greenhouse. Ms. Jaquays said there will be pony rides, a petting zoo, and more. Ms. Jaquays said, if anyone from the parks and recreation commission would like to participate, they can email nic@greenhousemi.com or call 248-602-1711.

Recording Secretary Gross handed out a flyer to those that attended in person. Ms. Gross said she would send it in an email in the morning, for those attending virtually.

3. Holiday Tree Lighting

Ms. Gross said the 2022 Tree lighting will be held on Monday, December 5th at 7 PM. Ms. Gross said the candy canes and ornaments have been ordered. Ms. Gross said Twirl M's. reached out and asked to perform again this year. Ms. Gross said as soon as the flyer is complete, she will email it to the commission and put it on the city's website. Ms. Gross said she will notify the commission at the November meeting, when they should arrive to help with the event.

4. Farmers Market Update

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said the Market is coming to an end in a few short weeks. Ms. Jaquays said it has been a great season so far. Ms. Jaquays thanked Kaylee Hall for all her hard work this season. Ms. Jaquays said the last farmers market is on October 26th and there will be a harvest festival from 11 AM – 1 PM. Ms. Jaquays said during this time, there will be a food truck, cider, donuts, crafts, a petting zoo, an inflatable obstacle course and family yoga with the Walled Lake Library. Ms. Jaquays encouraged the parks and recreation commission members to attend, if they are able.

5. Walled Lake Trail Update

Confidential Assistant Jaquays announced that Wednesday, October 26th will be the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the bridge opening. Ms. Jaquays said the bridge links the Walled Lake linear trail and the public safety campus. Ms. Jaquays said the ceremony will begin at 5 PM. Ms. Jaquays said from 5 PM to 6 PM there will be cotton candy sponsored by the Greenhouse, a petting zoo, face painting, an inflatable obstacle course and entertainment.

Chairman O'Rourke asked if this is something the commission can participate in.

Ms. Jaquays said yes, she encourages all members of the parks and recreation commission to attend this event.

6. Summer Concerts

Chairman O'Rourke said that in the past we had discussed possibly moving the summer concerts to the public safety campus. Mr. O'Rourke said now that the bridge will be open here soon, could we move the 2022 concerts to the public safety campus?

Commissioner Johnson said he thinks the public safety campus is a great location to host the concerts. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Ladd if the project is complete or is this a several year project.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said the public safety campus project is not complete. Mr. Ladd said there is electrical but no staging area for the bands. Mr. Ladd said there was a stage rented for the play that took place over there, last year.

Recording Secretary Gross said keep in mind that renting the stage will cost money. Ms. Gross said that will come from the budgeted money for the summer concerts.

Commissioner Johnson suggested starting out with maybe one concert at the public safety campus this next year.

7. Pickleball Courts

Commissioner Arnold asked if we could have further discussion on incorporating pickleball courts at one of the city's parks.

Chairman O'Rourke said he thinks pickleball courts are a great idea. Mr. O'Rourke asked Mr. Ladd where they should begin.

DPW Superintendent Ladd suggested that the commission members go out and perform a survey and get feedback from residents. Mr. Ladd also mentioned that it would be helpful if the commission members went out and got some quotes to bring back at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Miranda Gross
HR Administrator/ Deputy City Clerk

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman