



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Cheney, Hecht, Loch, Moore, Palmer

ABSENT: Skronek

OTHERS PRESENT: Council Members Ackley and Lublin
Recording Secretary Joyce

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 10-01-17 APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2017, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Loch, seconded Palmer, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY:** To approve the September 11, 2017, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

COMMUNICATION:

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mayor Ackley has had communication with the City Manager regarding the condition of the gazebo at Reilly Park. He has informed her that the gazebo will be fixed. She has also spoken with Dan Ladd regarding the parks about weed control and fibar. He will spray the parks for weeds this fall and then in the spring, new fibar will be put down. It will take about 50 yards of fresh fibar to cover our parks.

Dan has also spoken with Harold Sartor about repaving the parking lot and the walkway at Sims Park. Mayor Ackley wasn't sure if this was for the entire project or if it was for just the parking lot.

Councilmember Bennett Lublin updated the Commission on the Radiant Heat repaving method consists of 8' x 6' sections. They heat up the area, put the asphalt down, rake it thru, and then take a one-time roller thru to make a seamless patch. The cost is \$2600 for 36 prints. This system would work on our walkway as the walkway is 6 feet wide. It would also work in areas of our parking lot.

Commissioner Hecht asked how the Commission would go about getting approval to get quotes to repair and repave the parking lot and walkway. It was suggested to bring it to administration

and go out for bids in the spring time. Secretary Joyce will make note to put this on the March agenda for discussion.

There were no decisions made on whether the exercise stations should be removed or repaired. The boards on the picnic tables are also in need of repair/replacement.

Commissioner Hecht has phoned Angelo's who were recently bought out by Site One and they would be interested in donating or discounting the cost of fibar if a sign was posted that they had donated or sponsored the fibar. They asked that Commissioner Hecht call them in the spring and they could work out the details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Concert and Movie in the Park Update

Chairman Moore stated that the seven concerts held this summer were well attended. There were two concerts scheduled in June, three in July, and two in August. One of the July concerts was rained out so it was held in August.

The movie in the park was not attended very well. Councilmember Loch felt it was very dark in the back of the park and felt it should be movie closer to the parking lot if it was to be held again. Overall the Commission felt it should possibly work on some type of other fall event for the residents.

There was discussion on attempting to get the Oakland Press to do an article on our events. Miranda Gross was going to see if she could find anything on how the paper chooses what city they write about. Secretary Joyce stated that she does send the information to the local newspapers and television stations a couple of weeks before events for the public/community calendars.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fireworks/SummerFest/Market Day – Future Planning

R.J. (Ron Johnston) of the Walled Lake Civic Fund was in attendance. He stated that the Civic Fund is putting together a calendar which will have their funding raising events listed. He would like to add the Parks & Recreation's events to their calendar. The Commission felt this was a good opportunity and R.J. was given a copy of the 2018 Event Schedule.

R.J. would like to see the City of Walled Lake and the Civic Fund join forces with this event. This is the seventh year for the event and it is mainly a Walled Lake event. He felt bringing in the Market Day/Beach Party worked out well. He does not want the Civic Fund and the City to compete for sponsors. He would like to come up with a program that works for both groups. He doesn't want one business to be asked to sponsor two organizations.

R. J. stated that he would like to eventually turn this event over to the City. Mayor Ackley stated that the City does not want to get involved with any part of liquor. The Rotary generally only wants to sell beer and wine. She felt the City could help with the fundraisers.

The cost of the 2017 fireworks was \$23,000. The rest of the money is basically printing costs, banners and other advertising costs.

R.J. stated that the date for the 2018 Fireworks is June 23. It was felt that members from all commissions and groups join and attend planning meetings.

Mayor Ackley stated that next year the downtown area may be under construction for the infrastructure repair which may fall into the timeframe of this event. We need a timeline of this work schedule before we can go forward with any planning.

It was felt that discussion on this event should continue at future monthly meetings.

2. **Holiday Tree Lighting**

The Commission went over the preparation list. Councilmember Loch volunteered to see if Walled Lake Central's choir would be willing to come and sing a few holiday songs. She will keep Secretary Joyce informed.

Chairman Moore stated that it had been suggested that the layout in the fire station be moved so that Santa and Mrs. Santa were to the back of the station. This may be a problem because moving the event setup could interfere with the fire trucks in the station and their ability to exit the building.

If the entertainment is in the middle it can be seen from both ends of the building.

Chairman Moore volunteered to come into City Hall to copy the event fliers.

Commissioner Palmer will contact McDonald's and Tim Horton's to see if they will once again donate to the event.

3. **2018 Meeting Schedule**

Secretary Joyce stated that the November meeting for 2018 would be held on the first Monday of November due to the second Monday being a City holiday in celebration of Veteran's Day and City Hall being closed.

P&R 10-02-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018

Motion by Cheney, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the 2018 Parks and Recreations meeting schedule.

4. **2018 Schedule of Events**

The Commission went over the list of events. Everyone was in favor of doing the same concert schedule as was held this past summer. The Commission agreed that the same bands should be asked back. Chairman Moore will start contacting them.

It was felt that the Movie in the Park should be further discussed to determine if the event would go on.

P&R 10-03-17 MOTION TO APPROVE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Motion by Palmer, seconded Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the 2018 Schedule of Events

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilmember Lublin mentioned that the DDA has mentioned possibly bringing back the Pet Awareness Day.

Mayor Ackley stated that she does have someone lined up to fill the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner Palmer asked if anything was going to be done to stabilize the parking lot at Riley Park? He said it is deteriorating very fast. Mayor Ackley said she was aware of it and would check to see if it was on the list to be seal coated.

The Commission thanked Secretary Janell Joyce and the DPW for their hard work and support to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

P&R 10-04-17 ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cheney, seconded by Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore
Chairman