



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Moore, Hecht, Loch, Palmer,

ABSENT: Cheney, DuBois, O'Rourke

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Joyce, Finance Director Colleen Coogan, Councilmember Bennett Lublin, and DPW Laborer Dan Ladd

P&R 06-01-18 MOTION TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONERS CHENEY AND O'ROURKE

Motion by Loch, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Commissioners Cheney and O'Rourke due to their being out of town.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 06-02-18 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2018, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WITH CHANGES

Motion by Loch, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 14, 2018, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes with change to the title of Colleen Coogan as Finance Director.

COMMUNICATION: None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Memorial Day Wrap-Up

Commissioners felt the parade went very well with no confrontations this year. Temperatures were extremely warm but water was readily available and everyone handled it well.

It was felt the roads should have been shut down a little earlier especially along Walled Lake Drive. It was also felt that they should be should down further back on Walled Lake Drive. There wasn't a police officer at Walled Lake Drive and Witherall and there was some traffic congestion in this area.

2. **Summer Concerts – Weather Conditions/Contact Information**

Chairman Tim Moore said he would be willing to be the designated contact for the bands regarding weather conditions. It was felt that 3:00 p.m. was a good time to determine if the concert was to be called off due to weather conditions. Chairman Moore will also pick up the checks for band payment.

Commissioner Hecht suggested putting the concerts on the water bill in July. Secretary Joyce will see that it is on the marque and the City's website.

3. **Beach Party -- Planning & Update**

Secretary Joyce stated that there are currently 34 vendors for Beach Party. Traffic Control Order letters are getting ready to be sent to residents regarding street closures for the event. Commissioner Hecht feels that East Walled Lake Drive needs to be closed much earlier. The Police Department are the personnel that make that determination. Most of the streets in the lake area are closed by 8:30 p.m. for the fireworks.

Councilmember Lublin stated that there are still adirondeck chairs available for purchase. They are \$50 a chair.

It was felt that the Commissioners should arrive between 9 and 9:30 to help with setup of the Parks and Recreation and DDA Booths as well as any vendors that need help.

Finance Director Coogan stated that the interns have been working on updating the Park Guide and it should be ready for Beach Party. It will be more up to date with the changes. It was suggested that the glass enclosures at the parks be updated with the new park guide. Dan Ladd will see that the enclosure is cleaned up and updated with the concert schedule and beach party poster.

4. **Parks Repair/Maintenance Update**

Commissioner Hecht stated that a developer inquired if the City would like trees for Mercer Beach. Dan Ladd stated that the City did try to get some trees planted at Mercer Beach but an arborist told them that they would not grow in the beach area. An established tree will not grow there. Colleen Coogan stated that we have a tree grant and have tried to get some trees planted by the port-a-john enclosure between the beach and Bayside. We cannot get a landscaper to plant a tree there. They said they would die unless an underground container is built to plant the tree into.

Ms. Coogan stated that it is not the Parks and Recreation Commission that makes the choice. City council would make the decision under the guidelines of the City Ordinance. Parks and Recreation can make a recommendation to City Council but Council makes the final decision.

Dan Ladd gave an update on the grant status. He said there was a meeting with the State at the Beach and Sims Park and the grant for Sims Park porta-john enclosure was felt to not be enough so it will be addressed. And the port-a-john enclosure at the beach was already built so it does not apply. You have to be approved and then build. This was news to both Ms. Coogan and Mr. Ladd. It is not retroactive. They are looking at other improvements such as the rubber under the play structures and bench replacement. The electricity at the Beach being put underground would also be an option. These are some of the alternatives, although not all of them can be done in one year. Grants need to be applied for every year.

A new swing could be approved but in order for them to approve the swing, all of the play equipment would have to meet their new standards so we would have to replace the slide. It would all have to be ADA accessible from the existing path. They now use poly plastic materials for slides.

Dan Ladd reported that the pond has been treated and sprayed. And, Radiant Asphalt was at the park today filling in the dips and trip hazards. They have completed the cemetery. The gazebo has been updated and the rotten wood replaced. It cost approximately \$2480. Dan is in the process of getting quotes to have it repainted or stained.

Dan has sprayed for weeds around the play structures in the parks and new fibar will be put down by the end of the week.

Ms. Coogan reviewed everything that has been done this year in the parks. A lot of milestones have been accomplished.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Hecht stated that he was in Sims Park the day that "Lil Nells Pet Salon" had their anniversary party and he felt it was well attended. He said there was at least 50 people at the event when he was in the park.

There was discussion on possibly doing a fall event. It was suggested piggybacking with the Fire Department Open House.

It was suggested that next month the Commission do another park walk. It was agreed that Commissioners should wear comfortable shoes and bring their bug spray and they would walk the parks.

Colleen Coogan gave an update on the Trailway. It will be constructed of asphalt.

Chairman Moore thanked Ms. Coogan and Dan Ladd as well as Janell Joyce and the DPW for their help and support to the Commission.

P&R 06-03-18 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore
Chairman