



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2018**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Moore, DuBois, Loch, Palmer, O'Rourke

**ABSENT:** Cheney, Hecht

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

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**P&R 05-01-18 APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 12, 2018, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Palmer, seconded Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the March 12, 2018, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

**COMMUNICATION:** None

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

**P&R 05-02-18 MOTION TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONER CHENEY AND HECHT**

Motion by Palmer, seconded Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Commissioners Cheney and Hecht due to absence from the City.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Election of Officers**

**P&R 05-03-18 MOTION TO RETAIN TIM MOORE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Motion by Palmer, seconded Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To retain Tim Moore as Chairman of the Parks and Recreations Commission.

**P&R 05-04-18            MOTION TO ELECT DENNIS O’ROURKE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Motion by Palmer, seconded Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To elect Dennis O’Rourke as Vice-Chairman of the Parks and Recreations Commission.

2.     **Resignation of Sarah Skronek**

Secretary Joyce reported that Sarah has moved out of the City; therefore, she has resigned from the Commission. We are glad to welcome Dennis O’Rourke as our new Commissioner.

**P&R 05-05-18            MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SARAH SKRONEK**

Motion by Loch, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To accept the resignation of Sarah Skronek.

3.     **Easter Egg Hunt – Follow Up**

Secretary Joyce has updated the Preparation List and asked that the Commissioners look it over and let her know if there needed to be anything added, deleted, or changed.

It was suggested to add the two bounce houses, face painter, and photo booth to the list.

4.     **Farmers Market Update**

The Farmers Market started on Wednesday, May 2; and we have many returning vendors along with a variety of products. Secretary Joyce stated that there have been several calls with others interested in the market.

Dan Ladd reported that they are attempting to get grass seed planted where the drain enclosure project took place. Rain has been a hinderance. The entire area will be usable. Colleen Coogan reported that we will be getting a certificate from the environmental engineers that were overseeing he contaminants. Everything is well documented, and the contaminants were taken to a very specific landfill that would take them in. Dan Ladd stated that the contamination was lead.

5.     **Memorial Day Parade – Preparation List**

Chairman Moore and Secretary Joyce have prepared a lineup list. It was felt that all applicants met the criteria.

Commissioners should meet at Mercer Beach at 8:30 on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start promptly at 11:00. It will end at City Hall with a ceremony put on by the VFW.

#### 6. Beach Party -- Planning & Update

Chairman Moore stated he has not been receiving emails for the Beach Party Meetings. Colleen Coogan stated she will follow up and be sure he is on the list. Commissioner Loch recommended all vendors have weights on their tents.

Secretary Joyce will have an update with vendor count for the June meeting.

#### 7. Parks Repair/Maintenance Update

Dan Ladd stated that there is a mosquito control form from Blue Water Aquatics in the Commissioners packet. The pond has been sprayed for weed control. Dan stated that there are two options for the mosquito control. He felt the acre application around the concert area would be pavilion. This process has never been done before. The cost is \$\$450 for five treatments for the season – May through September. If you do the full season there is a \$70 discount. This is for the lawn area. It is the same price for the pond treatment. Dan will see if there is a discount for five pond treatments.

The Commission discussed whether the pond really needed to be sprayed. It was felt the lawn spray would help significantly. Commissioner O'Rourke felt that a "no mosquito" experience for the park visitors was a pleasant experience. He felt we should do both sprays and residents and park visitors would remember their mosquito free visit to the park. I would encourage people to come back. Dan stated he could direct the company as to when to spray.

Commissioner Loch stated that many residents are concerned about money and how the City spends money.

**P&R 05-06-18            MOTION THAT WE EMPLOY THE SERVICES OF BLUE WATER AQUATICS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL FOR BOTH THE PONDS AND LAWNS FOR THE 2018 SEASON RUNNING MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.**

Motion by O'Rourke, seconded Palmer, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To employ the services of Blue Water Aquatics for mosquito control for both the ponds and lawns for the 2018 season running May through September.

Ms. Coogan said that under the park repair and maintenance of the Parks and Recreation budget the budget is \$10,000. \$2500 has been committed to the Trails at Sims Park and \$2500 for the gazebo and now \$1000 for mosquito control.

Dan Ladd reported that he has received the proposal for the waffle iron to repair the path at Hiram Sims Park. The proposal came in just under \$2500. Every area of the path that needs

repair, as well as some areas of the parking lot, will be repaired. This procedure will be done at the cemetery, also.

Next week the siding and roof will be completed at the port-a-john enclosure at Mercer Beach. Work should be completed by Memorial Day.

Colleen Coogan reported that we have a grant from Alliance for Rouge communities from the United States Forestry for 14 trees. They must be Michigan trees. They are exploring to see if we can get some decorative trees between the parking lot and the beach area. Grants in the downtown storm water area have still not moved forward.

Ms. Coogan reported that the two grants that the Commission applied for have made it through Phase I. They have been designated as eligible. They meet the criteria.

## **DISCUSSION**

Commissioner DuBois stated that “Lil Nells Pet Salon” will be hosting a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party at Hiram Sims Park on June 10, 2018, from 1 – 5 p.m.

There was discussion and concern for the old Community Education building on Pontiac Trail. Dan Ladd stated that they have been contacted and the blight is to be cleaned up before Memorial Day.

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 05-07-18      ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Janell Joyce  
Recording Secretary

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Tim Moore  
Chairman