

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Walled Lake
April 14, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Tim Moore

Present: Moore, Cheney, Cole, Palmer, Rondeau, Soltis, Yezbick
Absent: *Palmer, Yezbick

PR04-01-14 -- Motion to excuse

Moved by Rondeau, supported by Soltis

To excuse Commissioners Palmer and Yezbick from the meeting tonight.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Quorum was declared.

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES --

PR04-02-14 -- Motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014

Moved by Soltis, supported by Cheney

To approve the minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2014, as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ed Marshall and Pat Wlodarczyk, from the Downtown Development Authority, were in attendance to represent the DDA and see how they could help with future endeavors.

Deputy Chief Bruce Kirby from the Police Department was also in attendance to discuss the Easter Egg Hunt.

Resident Jeff Rondeau, 1159 Wabasso, was also in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easter Egg Hunt

There was discussion about the Market Street Church participation and the advertisement they have sent out to the community indicating the event was theirs. Commissioner Rondeau has communicated with them about proper protocol. They will be in attendance and not promoting their church at the event.

*Commissioner Palmer arrive – 7:38 p.m.

Deputy Chief Bruce Kirby, from the Police Department, has organized a very detailed parking strategic plan that the Police Department will be enforcing. Parks & Recreation Commissioners and volunteers will have parking passes to allow them to park inside Sims Park.

Deputy Chief Bruce Kirby went over the parking plan. He is proposing no parking in the driveway to the park for safe entry and exit to and from the park. There will be no parking on one side of Quinif from South Commerce to North Pontiac Trail. If necessary other local street will also have restricted parking. This will depend on the number of people that show up. It was recommended that the Commissioners and Volunteers park on the north side of the park up on the hillside (against the Owsinek's fence).

It was suggested that the City bus be available for residents to partake in the events. The Villa residents help with stuffing the eggs and they should be able to attend the event. The Commission will attempt to have the bus available for the 2015 Easter egg hunt.

Commissioners are to arrive Saturday at the event between 8:30 – 9:00 for preparation and wear their Parks & Recreation shirts to identify themselves.

Commissioner Rondeau proposed that we move to the Market Day segment of the agenda so that audience could partake in this discussion and then leave if so desired.

2. Market Day

Commissioner Rondeau attended the last DDA meeting and there was discussion about merging the Market Day and Beach Party events. The Commission felt that the sand in the street was not a good idea for the Market Day event and that the Market Day date which has always been the last Sunday in August was not a good date for a Beach themed event.

Chairman Moore stated that many of the local events were down in attendance last year; i.e., Milford Memories, Quake on the Lake, Farmington Founders Fest.

Pat Wlodarczyk stated that the DDA talked about doing Saturday night event, making that the adult event. During the day there could possibly be an area for the kids to do things like chalk art.

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It was also felt that a Boat Parade would be a good idea. Lakefront home owners would be encouraged to participate.

Pat Wlodarczyk stated that the DDA's is to promote business in the area. The City has a beautiful beach and has promoted businesses to the area because of the beach and the historic downtown area. Part of the problem is Walled Lake doesn't have a definite downtown area.

Ed Marshall stated that Market Day has always been the last Sunday in August for 39 years so he felt this event needed to stay with this date. He has yearly conventions and events that he attends that are also specific year dates.

Commissioners Moore and Soltis had to leave the meeting due to prior commitments.

3. Memorial Day

Since no other candidates have been mentioned for Grand Marshall, Chairman Tim Moore will be this year's Grand Marshall.

4. Farmers Market

Secretary Joyce stated that the applications are coming in and the event is scheduled to begin Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 a.m. It will run through October 29th.

5. Concerts

All four of the proposed bands have returned their contracts and have agreed to the proposed payment and dates. Concerts will be:

- Groove Therapy – June 11 -- Riley Park
- Novi Concert Band – June 25 -- The Villa
- Laughing Madmen – July 9 -- Riley Park
- Vintage Sounds/G.L. Bums -- July 16 -- Riley Park

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Commission commended the DPW Department for their work and Janell Joyce for her work for the Commission.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore, Chairperson
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