

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Walled Lake
January 11, 2016 - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Tim Moore

Present: Moore, Cheney, Costanzo, Palmer,
Absent: Rondeau

PR01-01-16-- Motion to excuse

Moved by Palmer, supported by Cheney

To excuse Commissioner Rondeau from tonight's meeting due to a personal commitment.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Quorum was declared.

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES --

PR01-02-16-- Motion to approve the minutes of October 12, 2015

Moved by Cheney, supported by Palmer

To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 12, 2015, as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

The overall attendance was great. Warm temperatures may have brought more people to the event but definitely the largest crowd we have ever had. Overall it was felt that we had great snacks, great entertainment, a great Santa and Mrs. Santa as well as Christmas Carole. The reindeer that the Library sponsored was a big hit.

Meijers donation of \$150 was extremely helpful with the purchase of the cookies.

The Commission went over the Preparation List and made necessary changes and updates to the list. It was suggested that we possibly move Santa, Mrs. Santa and the Christmas scene across the back of the fire station across the front of the doors. This would give the entertainers a bit more room to perform. The Commission felt that this should be discussed with the Fire Department and the DPW personnel for next year's event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 26. The Commission briefly went over the preparation list. Secretary Joyce said that she had done an inventory of Easter eggs and there is a good supply of them for this year. We will have to start doing research on the cost of chocolate eggs. Oriental Trading catalog should be coming out soon and she will check their prices.

Secretary Joyce said she will see if Commissioner Rondeau will work with her on doing the Easter baskets for the winning ages categories. Secretary Joyce will ask Chief Commer if the Fire Station can be used if needed. She has checked with the Villa and they are willing to once again stuff the eggs. She will also contact Evan Yezbick and see if he would like to once again be the Easter Bunny.

Traffic control has been really good the past couple of years. Police Department has done a great job. Secretary Joyce will once again see if they will be on hand to help with the egg hunt.

It was suggested that we hold back some of the Easter eggs this year for the kids that don't get very many. Some kids are taking home a couple of dozen eggs and then some are getting only a couple. Some of the kids just aren't as aggressive as others.

PR01-03-16 -- Motion to approve Easter Flier

Moved by Costanzo, supported by Palmer

To approve the Easter Egg Hunt Flier, with the word "promptly" underscored.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Commissioner Cheney said he will put out his sandwich board signs at the ends of Quinif Street to direct people to Sims Park.

2. Memorial Day Parade

Chairman Moore has been in contact with a gentleman from Senator Dave Trott's office who has connection with the Shriners. He is willing to get us members of the Shriners to attend and participate in the parade.

The application for the Parade has been approved and will be going out in the next couple of months. We need to get the names of potential grand marshals for this year.

3. Concerts

Secretary Joyce stated that it is the time of the year to start thinking about what the Summer Concert series and where the Commission wants to go this year. She has sent the Commissioner information on a couple of bands that have contacted her about performing this year. Does the Commission want to bring back the same bands or bring in new groups? It was suggested the Commissioner Cheney contact the Juarez Sisters to see if they would be interested in performing again. It was suggested that we offer to pay them this year.

Concert signage was also suggested. It was suggested that the Commission should ask City Council for additional dollars to concert signs in the next budget. It was suggested to try and get sponsors for concerts and/or movies in the park. Sponsorship may be a good way to get banners promoting the summer concerts. Commissioner Costanzo said he will

Chairman Moore will do some follow-up with the Bands that have expressed an interest in the concerts as well as those that performed last year. Commissioner Cheney will see if the Juarez Sisters would like to once again perform and both will give us information next month. Chairman Moore will follow with the Bands from last year also to see if they would like to perform.

Secretary Joyce suggested that this year some guidelines be setup in regards to a time to cancel concerts. Possibly a 4:00 p.m. time guideline, i.e., if there are storm clouds or rain is forecasted we cancel the concert. Also, need to have the Band members contact a particular person on the Commission to follow up with. It was also suggested that the bands selected pick two dates to perform – second date would be in case of a rain out.

Secretary Joyce will see what is available in the budget for next month's meeting.

There was discussion on getting a food vendor to setup at the concerts to offer something to eat for the concert goers.

There was question on the G.L. Bums concert that was cancelled. Are these dollars still available to the Commission? Secretary Joyce will check with Finance Director, Colleen Coogan.

4. Farmers Market

Farmers Market will start May 4th this year. Secretary Joyce informed the Commissioners to let her know if they knew of any potential vendors. She would like to fill the vacant spots she had last year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Costanzo has offered to put together the checklist for the "Movies in the Park" event. This event needs to be added to the new budget. Commissioner Costanzo will prepare his list for the February meeting before going to City Council.

The Commission discussed doing a pizza lunch for the DPW crew members as a thank you for all they do for the Parks & Rec Commission. Secretary Joyce will check their February schedule for vacations, etc.

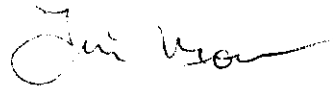
The Commission thanked Janell Joyce and the DPW crew for their work and efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary



Tim Moore, Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission