



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

Confidential Assistant Ms. Hana Jaquays welcomed everyone to the regularly scheduled June Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting. Ms. Jaquays introduced, Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DPW Superintendent Dan Ladd, HR Administrator/ Deputy City Clerk Gross, and Merge Live.

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Fernandes, Masi, Johnson, Robertson

ABSENT: O'Rourke, Palmer

OTHERS PRESENT: Deputy Police Chief Kolke, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Recording Secretary Gross, Confidential Assistant Jaquays

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 9-01-22 APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2022, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Masi, seconded by Fernandes, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the June 13, 2022, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Farmers Market Update

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said there are only 7 markets left in our 2022 season. Ms. Jaquays thanked intern Kaylee Hall for her assistance with the administrative tasks associated with the farmer's market. Ms. Jaquays said that Ms. Hall was the point of contact for the vendors and is on-site every Wednesday. Ms. Jaquays mentioned there have been a couple of events during our farmer's market over the last few months. Ms. Jaquays said there was live music, a food truck, and entertainment. Ms. Jaquays said each

event was well attended. Ms. Jaquays said she is hoping to host one more event in October. Ms. Jaquays said that event if all goes as planned, the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the bridge will take place during this event. Ms. Jaquays said it has been a great season so far.

Commissioner Fernandes said she would like to remind the commission to help promote the market by sharing the posts on social media.

Confidential Assistant Jaquays said we have an Instagram and Facebook account under the name of Walled Lake Farmers Market. Ms. Jaquays said we use these accounts to promote the event and promote our vendors.

2. Walled Lake Trail Update

DPW Superintendent Ladd said if you take a look along the trail near the bridge, you will see there is currently work being done. Mr. Ladd said if all goes to plan, the bridge will be open sometime in October. Mr. Ladd said we want the surrounding area to be safe before opening it. Mr. Ladd said, he would also like to mention he and the entire DPW team have been consistently maintaining the city's portion of the trail.

3. Walled Lake Beach Update

DPW Superintendent Ladd said phase one is about ninety percent complete. Mr. Ladd said the pipe was removed from the center of the beach and a storm sceptor has been placed. Mr. Ladd explained the storm sceptor helps remove heavy metals before the water enters the lake. Mr. Ladd said the parking has been repaved and he is hoping to get some kind of fencing back up this fall. Mr. Ladd said the bids received for phase two came in way over budget and therefore has not begun.

Commissioner Masi asked Mr. Ladd to remind the commission what phase two entails.

Mr. Ladd said phase two consists of a bioswale, lighting, benches, and some more concrete work.

4. Parks Update

DPW Superintendent Ladd said we already discussed the Walled Lake Trail and Mercer Beach. Mr. Ladd said the DPW team has been staying busy with storm cleanup at Sims Park and preparing the park for the summer concerts this past season. Mr. Ladd said this past year, the parking lot at both Sims Park and Marshall Taylor Park was improved. Mr. Ladd said now that we have some new playground equipment and benches at Riley Park, we might need to start discussing what to do with the pavilion there. Mr. Ladd said it needs a new roof and a few other repairs.

Commissioner Masi suggested maybe hosting the summer concerts at Riley Park in the future. Mr. Masi said it is close to the downtown area and has brand-new equipment.

Mr. Ladd said the park does have electrical, but the pavilion would need to be repaired first.

P&R 9-02-22 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Miranda Gross
HR Administrator/ Deputy City Clerk

Robert Robertson
Commissioner