



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Johnson, O'Rourke, Robertson, Linihan, Fernandes

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Jaquays, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Mayor Pro-Tem Woods

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Commissioner Johnson requested to add “Update to Summer Concerts location” to discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 09-01-25 APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2025, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the September 8, 2025, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Summer Concert Location

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Johnson asked what are the next steps for hosting two of the summer concerts at the Public Safety Campus? Mr. Johnson asked if the proposal needs to go before City Council.

Assistant City Manager Jaquays said the proposal for two stage rentals through Oakland County will be addressed at the City Manager's budget workshop to be included in the budget.

Parks and Recreation Chairman O'Rourke asked if the budget would need to increase for performance services and potentially including a bigger opener band?

Ms. Jaquays said the bands are paid between \$700- \$800.

Commissioner Johnson shared his experience working with bands and the various costs of service and equipment.

Discussion was held on budget timeline, booking bands, and complimenting the current performers that have returned to Walled Lake.

2. 2025 Market Place Update

Assistant City Manager Jaquays said there are three markets remaining for the 2025 season. Ms. Jaquays said the Market Place hosted their final festival of the season last week, Harvest Festival. Ms. Jaquays said there were about 12 informational/community booths and 15 produce/artisan vendors. Ms. Jaquays said the Market Place continues to do the Vendor Feature campaign on social media and encouraged the commissioners and public to interact with the pages.

3. Mayor Ackley's Trunk or Treat

Ms. Jaquays said this event is held in partnership with the DDA and is scheduled for Sunday October 26, 2025, from 12PM to 2PM. Ms. Jaquays said the event is expected to have about 45-50 vehicles in attendance.

Chairman O'Rourke asked how a trunk register to participate?

Ms. Jaquays said to contact Kelsey with the Greenhouse of Walled Lake who is assisting in site management and vehicle organization.

4. Tree Lighting Ceremony

Ms. Jaquays said the City's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 1, 2025. Ms. Jaquays said City staff will be organizing the entertainment and activities during her absence in November. Ms. Jaquays said participation has been confirmed for the Walled Lake Elementary Glee Club and Pastor Bicknell will with the River Church will deliver the invocation.

Chairman O'Rourke said the Walled Lake Methodist church would like to participate again and include carolers. Mr. O'Rourke said Pastor Miller with the Methodist Church has volunteered to serve as a backup for the invocation.

Commissioner Johnson said he will be able to assist in volunteering.

5. Holiday Lights Contest

Ms. Jaquays provided the Commissioners with a draft copy of Rules and Regulations for the proposed Holiday Lights Contest.

Discussion was had on marketing timeline, and implementation schedule.

**P&R 09-02-25 MOVE TO IMPLEMENT HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST FOR
 2026**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Linihan, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To implement Holiday Lights Contest for 2026

6. DIA Inside Out 2026 Program

Chairman O'Rourke said the walk-through with the DIA is scheduled for this Thursday October 16th at 1PM.

P&R 09-03-25 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM



Hana Jaquays
Recording Secretary

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman