



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Hecht, Moore, O'Rourke, Palmer

**ABSENT:** Cheney, DuBois, Loch

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Gross

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**P&R 07-01-19 APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 10, 2019, PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Palmer, seconded O'Rourke, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the June 10, 2019 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Karen Wilmot, 518 Winwood Cir.- She said she is here tonight to see what can be done to improve the general maintenance of Marshall Taylor Park. She said it is a beautiful neighborhood park, but it seems to be on the tipping point of sliding into disrepair. She said according to the Parks & Recreation minutes the refresh of mulch was scheduled for the spring of 2018 and that still have not been done. She said she has some recent pictures that she would like to share showing some additional issues at the park. She said the swing set is in need of paint, the covering is tearing off the play structure, there is a dying tree in the middle of the park sporadic trimming under the bench in which the grass is as high as the bench seat, the Picnic tables with the wood drying out, and a high prevalence of thistles. She said she would like to inquire whether a safety inspection is already in place. She said I know the park is closed right now because of the work being done in Tri-A but she would like to see these issues addressed before the park reopens. She asked the commission to look in to maybe turning this into a volunteer opportunity.

Chairman Tim Moore said the commission does a yearly walk through of the parks and take down general notes on improvements needed and safety concerns. He said the mulch was supposed to be put down this spring, but it was so wet from all the rain and they couldn't do it and now it's closed while the work in Tri-A is being done.

Commissioner Hecht said this is very frustrating to the commission as well. He said the commission brings up these same concerns to Dan Ladd, who isn't here tonight, on a monthly

basis. He said we have communicated these concerns to the city multiple times as well. Mr. Hecht said he has been on the board now for 2 or 3 years and he notices the same things which is frustrating. Mr. Hecht said in full transparency, the only way to get these issues addressed is to draw attention to them. He said if there is something the commission wants done; we need to speak in louder numbers.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **1. SEMCOG Grant**

Recording Secretary Gross said the city was awarded the SEMCOG grant to improve existing stormwater conditions to detain and treat runoff resulting in an overall reduction in stormwater flow and nutrient runoff directly into Walled Lake, a part of the Lake Erie watershed. Ms. Gross said the total project budget is \$127,365 and the city was awarded the maximum amount of \$46,500.

Commissioner Palmer asked when we get that money.

Chairman Tim Moore asked if the city was going to be able to pay what the grant doesn't cover?

Commissioner O'Rourke asked if the \$94,078 project green infrastructure budget played into the total project budget of \$127,365.

Ms. Gross said she would have to look further into it and get back to the commission on their questions. She said she just found out the city received the grant and wasn't involved when it was applied for.

##### **2. Beach Party Overview**

Chairman Tim Moore said he was confronted by several food vendors at the beach party about the Walled Lake Western cheerleaders walking around the event selling water. He said they were upset because the food vendors also sell water and it says in the rules and regulations that vendors must stay in their booth. Mr. Moore requested that next year if they participate, they must stay in their booth and if they refuse then the police officers will escort them off the premise.

Commissioner O'Rourke said he was pulled aside by one of the vendors this year and was told they were disappointed with the turn out as far as vendors and customers. He also suggested maybe changing the name of the event to indicate more of an art festival rather than a beach party.

Commissioner Hecht said changes need to be made. He said we need to figure out how to recruit vendors and what we can do to attract a crowd. Mr. Hecht said maybe we get rid of the bands and just do a DJ all day. He said or maybe we recruit one bigger band that has a

following. Mr. Hecht also asked that the beach party meetings be held later in the day so people that work during the day are able to attend.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**DISCUSSION:**

Commissioner O'Rourke brought in a picture of a message board located at a park in the City of Novi. He said the city logo looks really nice on there. He said we should look into getting a similar message board with the city seal on it. Mr. O'Rourke said he would like to see a memorial bench along the trail way. He said he isn't sure who he would need to coordinate that with, but he will do some more research and report back to the commission.

**P&R 07-02-19 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Miranda Gross  
Deputy Clerk



Tim Moore  
Chairman