



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Cheney, DuBois, Hecht, Loch, Moore, O'Rourke

**ABSENT:** Palmer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Recording Secretary Stuart, DPW Laborer Dan Ladd

**REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**P&R 03-01-19 MOTION TO EXCUSE COMMISSIONER PALMER FROM  
TONIGHT'S MEETING**

Motion by Loch, seconded by Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Commissioner Palmer from tonight's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**P&R 03-02-19 APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2019, PARKS AND  
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Cheney, seconded Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the February 11, 2019 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Update – Farmers Market

Mr. Ladd said Mrs. Pesta and staff are working on contacting prior vendors and new vendors. Mr. Ladd explained Mrs. Pesta also spoke with him about improving the site and expanding the market vendor area.

Commissioner Hecht asked about moving to another day. Chairman Moore said Wixom and Oakland County have markets as well and others have on weekends.

Commissioner Hecht asked how many vendors attended.

Commissioner DuBois said she was surprised how busy the market was. She thought of having a booth there this year.

Commissioner Hecht asked if the fee to participate is covering the cost of operations such as staff to maintain the area where the market is held. Commissioner Hecht asked if it was possible for a revenue and expenditure report to see if the current fee covers to cost of operations.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked what surrounding communities charge such as Wixom, Farmington, Livonia, Northville, New Hudson, South Lyon, and White Lake.

Commissioner DuBois said she could look into and get back with the commission.

## 2. Update – Concerts in the Park

Chairman Moore asked for approval of the bands for the summer concert series he provided. Mr. Moore explained the City has the contract to send to the bands for signature.

Commissioner Hecht asked if post cards would be sent out again listing the events such as the summer concerts, firework display, and Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Loch suggested for everything to be printed on one side of the card not front and back.

Discussion was to make sure these events were posted to the city website.

Chairman Moore said the City already has contracts for the band.

Commissioner Hecht asked who is responsible for posting to social media to help promote the events. He suggested the Nextdoor app, Facebook, or Instagram.

### **P&R 03-03-19      APPROVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AS SUBMITTED**

Motion by Hecht, and seconded by O'Rourke, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve summer concert series as submitted.

Commissioner Hecht was asked to wear the bunny suit again this year and he agreed.

Recording secretary Stuart said the bounce house, face painter, and magician are booked. The fliers have been printed, new yard signs have been ordered and delivered, new eggs have been ordered, candy was delivered from Mr. Cheney, and eggs will be delivered to the Walled Lake Villa for stuffing.

Chairman Moore asked if the schools have been contacted for fliers. Recording Secretary Stuart said yes, and they have already been printed.

Commissioner Loch asked if there would be prize baskets this year. Recording secretary Stuart said yes, she thought so.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. SEMCOG – Green Infrastructure Implementation Program along with Mercer Beach Grant**

Mr. Ladd said Mrs. Pesta had attended a Norton Creek meeting in regard to green infrastructure grants. There is potential for grant funding of up to \$50,000 available for green infrastructure improvements.

Commissioner Hecht asked who will be maintaining the bioswale. Mr. Ladd said the DPW.

Chairman Moore concerned about the placement of the bioswale location and winter months and salting.

Discussion was held and support of the grant application was provided by the commission.

Commissioner Hecht asked about the cost of the grant. Consultant Planner Jackson said there will be no cost, they will complete during their office's hours at the city.

**P&R 3-04-19                    MOTION TO PROCEED WITH SEMCOG GRANT  
APPLICATION TO HELP WITH IMPROVEMENTS  
AT MERCER BEACH**

Motion by Hecht, seconded by Loch, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To proceed with SEMCOG grant application to help with improvements at Mercer Beach.

**DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Hecht asked Mr. Ladd what the DPW had in mind for parks come spring cleanup. Mr. Ladd said they will be moving forward with removal of exercise equipment from Sims Park, the Gazebo has been repainted and wood replaced, Riley Park will have the wood structure removed around the play equipment.

Commissioner O'Rourke asked about the wild flower garden and if the city had the manpower to address it. Mr. Ladd said he did some research once it is established it is self-maintaining but it is the first two years that are trying. It can be done without irrigation.

Commissioner DuBois made a suggestion of a dog park at Sims Park. A fenced in area, ready to go paid for by donations from business members of the city through advertising banners along the fence. Only certain people would have access to the park those who pay for their dog licenses.

Commissioner Cheney said the liability is outstanding, the commission had looked into it before, but the liability insurance is outstanding.

Commissioner Hecht said the idea of a dog park is a good one but if the liability insurance and upkeep utilizes the revenues it becomes a cost.

Commissioner Hecht asked if this question could be communicated to the City Attorney what the expense of the liability insurance initially and continued coverage could be. He said it is a great idea but how to do without increasing maintenance responsibilities and cost.

**P&R 03-05-19      ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



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Jennifer Stuart  
City Clerk



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Tim Moore  
Chairman