



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

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

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

ABSENT: DuBois, Loch

OTHERS PRESENT: Recording Secretary Gross, DPW Team Lead Ladd

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: Chairman Moore requested that wrap up of summer concerts be added under new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

P&R 09-01-19 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 8, 2019, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Motion by O'Rourke, seconded Hecht, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the July 8, 2019 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Karen Wilmot, 518 Winwood Cir.- Ms. Wilmot repeated her concerns about Marshall Taylor Park.

DPW Team Lead Ladd said he would evaluate the park before re-opening the park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. SEMCOG Grant

Recording Secretary Gross said there were some questions asked at the July meeting and she asked the city's consultant planner to attend tonight's meeting, to answer those questions. Ms. Gross said however, he was unable to make it tonight. Ms. Gross said she has brought back some answers she received from administration. Ms. Gross said at the July meeting Commissioner Palmer asked when we get that money. Ms. Gross said the project is going to begin in the spring of 2020 and the city has 1 year to finish the project and when it is completed, we will receive the grant money. Ms. Gross said Chairman Tim Moore asked if the city was going to be able to pay what the grant doesn't cover? Ms. Gross said yes, the DDA pledged financial support for this project in a resolution. Ms. Gross said Commissioner O'Rourke asked if the \$94,078 project green infrastructure budget played into the total project budget of \$127,365. Ms. Gross said the project green infrastructure budget is approximately \$94,078. Ms. Gross said the city applied for

50% of the project green infrastructure budget. Ms. Gross said the city received the maximum amount of \$46,500 which is just about half. Ms. Gross said the entire project was estimated at \$127,365 and that is including bioswale, fall safe material for playground, new benches, lights, and fencing.

Commissioner Hecht asked when the deadline is to apply for the passport grant again?

Recording secretary Gross said she would check with the city planner and get back to the commission next month.

2. Message Board for Mercer Beach

Recording secretary Gross said she provided the commission with details and a picture of a message board that the commission asked for. Ms. Gross said the purchase of the message board is on the DDA agenda for tomorrow's meeting. Ms. Gross said this is to see if the DDA board is willing to make the purchase considering it is going to be placed at Mercer Beach which is in the downtown district.

DPW Team Lead Ladd said if the DDA approved the purchase then we will have it ordered and it should be hung up by the next meeting.

Commissioner Hecht asked if a lock box is going to be purchased to attach to the message board with the keys in it.

Recording Secretary Gross said no. Ms. Gross said the keys will be at city hall that way whatever is getting put in the message board is getting approved by administration.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019 Tree Lighting Ceremony

Recording secretary Gross said she has begun getting things ready for the tree lighting. Ms. Gross said she has two different ornaments for the commission to choose from tonight. Ms. Gross said Twirl M's and the Walled Lake Elementary Glee Club both reached out and would like to perform at the event again this year. Ms. Gross said she had a lady by the name of Julie Demick reach out and was wondering if the commission would be interested in having Mrs. Demick's husband play the Marimba at the event. Ms. Gross said Mrs. Demick mentioned normally they charge \$500 however she is willing to work with the city on the price.

The commission agreed that they haven't paid for entertainment in the past and won't be paying for entertainment this year either.

2. Wrap Up of Summer Concerts

Chairman Moore said the concerts went well this year, only one or two of them were rained out and we were able to get them rescheduled. Mr. Moore said if the commission has no objections,

he will start scheduling the concerts for next year. Mr. Moore said he won't be there to hand the bands their checks but has no problem getting the band line up ready.

Commissioner Hecht mentioned that he attended one of the concerts this year and was surprised at how many people attended.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Hecht suggested that maybe the commission invite the public to their yearly park walkthrough or hold a public hearing after the walkthrough to get residents involved. Mr. Hecht also suggested coming up with a volunteer list that could be posted in the new message board including things residents could assist with at the parks.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Miranda Gross
Deputy Clerk



Tim Moore
Chairman