

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Walled Lake
February 10, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman Tim Moore

Present: Moore, Cheney, Cole, Palmer, Rondeau, Yezbick
Absent: Soltis

PR02-01-14 -- Motion to excuse

Moved by Palmer, supported by Yezbick

To excuse Commissioner Soltis from the meeting tonight.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Quorum was declared.

CHANGES TO AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES --

PR02-02-14 -- Motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014

Moved by Cole, supported by Cheney

To approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2014, as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easter Egg Hunt

The Commission briefly went over the preparation list. Secretary Joyce has contacted Hershey's direct and they do have a store where you can purchase 25 pounds of chocolate Hershey kisses for \$95.00. These are the silver wrapped kisses; not the pastel wrapped ones. We need to try and avoid jawbreakers and hard taffy candy which is not good for the little children. The Commission felt that they could probably get approximately the same prices are local retail establishments. They will watch for sales when the Easter candy comes out. The Commission has a budget of approximately \$450.

Commissioner Rondeau has contacted the Market Street Church and they are interested in once again participating in the Easter Egg Hunt.

Jeff Rondeau has agreed to once again be the Easter Bunny if he can use John and Vi Owsinek's garage. Secretary Joyce will ask the Owsineks for the use of their garage.

Commissioner Joyce will see if Mrs. Soltis will once again assemble the prize baskets for the 3 winning age categories. Commissioner Rondeau will checkout Oriental Trading for trinkets to be given out for the "Recycle Your Easter Eggs" portion of the event.

Chairman Tim Moore volunteered to help copy the Easter Eggs fliers. Commissioner Cole said she is now retired and willing to help whenever needed.

2. Memorial Day Parade

The applications for the Parade will be sent within the next couple of weeks.

The Commission discussed the potential candidates for Grand Marshall. Janell will follow up with Harold Rudolph to see if he and his family are willing to be the honorees this year. Chairman Tim Moore was also asked to be the Grand Marshall and he said he would if there were no other candidates.

The Commission discussed possibilities of having a drop off location for the parade participants. This would help alleviate some of the traffic congestion in the parade lineup area. It was felt that the PNC bank area would be a good drop off area. It was suggested to get Chief Shkinas' input regarding a drop off location.

Chairman Moore said he recently met with and invited Congressman Kerry Bentivolio to participate in our parade. He has verbally accepted and would like to walk with the veterans.

Chairman Tim Moore has been asked to once again contact Shuman Motors to request vehicles for the politicians and grand marshals.

3. Farmers Market

Secretary Janell Joyce is ready to mail out the applications for the 2014 Farmers Market. She encouraged the Commissioners to send anyone they thought would be a good vendor to her as she would like for all spaces to be filled this year.

The Commission discussed advertising for the Farmers Market as well as for Market Day. None of the Commissioners felt that the Spinal Column was a good means of reaching the public. It was suggested that The Oakland Press would be much better; even if it meant a smaller ad.

PR02-03-14 -- Motion to approve Farmers Market Application

Moved by Palmer, supported by Rondeau

To approve the application for the 2014 Farmers Market as submitted.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

4. Concerts

Secretary Janell Joyce has contacted all of the bands that played last year; they are all interested in coming back again this summer. The Commission also had a couple of new bands to listen to give their few point on. Topmost Beatles is very interested in performing in Walled Lake but they charge more than any of the bands that played last year. It was felt that they were over our budget. The Commission would like to continue on with four concerts.

The Commission asked Secretary Joyce to have The Laughing Madmen, Groove Therapy, Novi Concert Band, and The GL Bums pick two dates that they would be available to perform as well as their charge for a two-hour performance. At the next Parks and Rec meeting concerts dates will be discussed and finalized.

Signage for the concert has been priced. Roadside signs run \$13.50 each. The Commission also would like to have a banner approximately 4' x 2' priced. Unfortunately, our budget dollars are spent on bands. Secretary Joyce will price out the 4' x 6' banner charge. This would be a generic banner that can be reused from year to year.

Commissioner Cheney stated that he can make paper banners which 24" wide. This type of banner is not weather resistant.

The Commission was very pleased with the four bands that performed last year. It was a good variety and they seem to pull a bigger audience on Wednesday nights versus Thursdays. Secretary Joyce will ask the bands to each pick two dates that they would like to perform; and finalization can be completed at the next meeting. We can then

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attempt to work with the group that played for free and see if we can get them to come back. They seemed to enjoy the opportunity of just performing for the community and their friends.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Commission commended the DPW Department for the great job they are doing with keeping up with the snow.

Commissioner Cheney stated that John Jackson, the City Planner, contacted him and wanted to know if Parks and Recreation had any interest in updating the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation. It was felt overall that it really needed to be done in order for the Commission to get funding and have the capability to apply for grants. Commissioner Cheney will speak with John Jackson as to what is involved.

The Commission thanked Janell Joyce for her work for the Commission and the DPW crew for their work and efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore, Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission