

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
City of Walled Lake
January 13, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Tim Moore

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

PR10-01-14 -- Motion to excuse

Moved by Palmer, supported by Cole

To excuse Commissioners Soltis, Yezbick and Rondeau from tonight's meeting due to illness and work commitments.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM – Quorum was declared.

CHANGES TO AGENDA – The Commission moved “New Business Item C” to the first topic of discussion under Audience Participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES --

PR01-02-14 -- Motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2013

Moved by Palmer, supported by Cheney

To approve the minutes of the meeting of November 4, 2013, as submitted.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Ed Marshall, of the Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, was in attendance and updated the Commission on the Memorial Day weekend 5K run. He stated that the DDA would like to enhance the run by adding a sand castle contest to the activity list.

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The Sand Castle Contest will consist of 18 participants judged by 3 judges. All participants will be given the same tools and will use sand from the beach. Water will be lake water.

He is asking the Parks and Recreation's permission to use Mercer Beach for the event and help enhance the 5K run event and make it a bigger and better event. It will also provide more donations to the veteran organizations.

PR01-03-14 -- Motion to approve the Use of Mercer Beach

Moved by Cheney, supported by Palmer

Motion to allow the DDA to use Mercer Beach for the Sand Castle Contest to be held in conjunction with the 5K Memorial Weekend Run.

VOTE:

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

The ornaments were a big hit. We had three ornaments break which left us one short for ornament giveaways. It was felt that we should order a dozen more next year. The overall attendance was great. We ran out of cookies, cocoa, and donut holes. Secretary Janell Joyce did purchase 6 dozen cookies the day after the Tree Lighting event and delivered them to Dance Dynamics. Several of these performers were unable to get a cookie after performing.

The event was a Huge success. Great snacks, great entertainment, great Santa and Mrs. Santa. The reindeer that the Library sponsored out front was also a big hit.

It was felt that the Commission needs to purchase another large coffee maker prior to next year's event.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 19. The Commission briefly went over the preparation list. It was suggested that we just put chocolate in the Easter eggs and if the children are allergic to chocolate they can turn their eggs in for Smartee, SweatTarts, etc.

Secretary Joyce suggested that everyone attempt to look for bulk chocolate and prices. We could use chocolate eggs, chocolate kisses, etc.

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The Commission asked Secretary Joyce to ask Jeff Rondeau if he would once again be our Easter Bunny. They would also like Commissioner Rondeau to contact Market Street Church to see if they would like to once again participate with the Easter Egg Hunt.

2. Memorial Day Parade

The applications for the Parade has already been approved and will be going out in the next couple of months. Need to get names for the Grand Marshall(s).

3. Concerts

Secretary Joyce stated that it is the time of the year to start thinking about what the Summer Concert series and where the Commission wants to go this year. Do they want to bring back the same bands or bring in new groups. Secretary Joyce had contact information on a couple of new bands and Commissioners will be attempting to get information from these bands, i.e. price, length of concert, etc. Commissioner Cheney felt that his G.L. Bums would like to once again perform.

Secretary Joyce will see what is available in the budget for next month's meeting.

The commission once again discussed getting coriplast signs to put out in the community the day of the concert. It was thought that these signs ran about \$10 apiece. Secretary Joyce will get pricing for the next meeting.

4. Farmers Market

Applications are ready and will go out mid-February. Secretary Joyce would like the Commissioners to advertise the market. A couple of our vendors from last year will not be returning for various reasons so she has spaces available and would like help with filling them.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janell Joyce
Recording Secretary

Tim Moore, Chairperson
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