



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

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

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Fernandes, Johnson, O'Rourke, Robertson

ABSENT: Adams

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant City Manager Jaquays, DPW Superintendent Ladd

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 06-01-24 APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2024 PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the May 13, 2024 Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**P&R 06-02-24 RECEIVE AND FILE RESIGNATION OF PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSIONER MASI**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To receive and file the resignation of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Masi

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Johnson discussed his concerns regarding safety along the MI Airline Trail and trail users utilizing the crosswalk signals at intersections. Mr. Johnson suggested ways for the City to be proactive in protecting trail users and enhancing public safety.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Fernandes said the MI Airline Trail offers educational materials on the crosswalk signals through their website. Ms. Fernandes suggested temporary signage to alert trail users to the crosswalk signals.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner O'Rourke suggested two locations, Decker Road and Ladd Road to have signage.

DISCUSSION:

1. Memorial Day Parade After-Action Report

Assistant City Manager Jaquays said the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony was a successful and well-attended event. Ms. Jaquays thanked the Parks and Recreation Commissioners who were able to assist during the set-up and thanked Council Member Fernandes and Mayor Pro-Tem Woods for their assistance in directing traffic during the set-up. Ms. Jaquays said under Council's leadership, the decision to keep 850 Ladd as the staging area for the parade was beneficial. Ms. Jaquays said staff observed accessibility improvements to the site for parade participants and drop-off. Ms. Jaquays said from a public safety standpoint, having the staging area be contained to 850 Ladd was effective for site management. Ms. Jaquays said it was an honor to have resident Maurielle Lue serve as Walled Lake's Grand Marshall. Ms. Jaquays said it was an honor to also have DDA Board Member Millen serve as the ceremony's MC. Ms. Jaquays said Mayor Ackley shared a few words honoring those who gave their all. Ms. Jaquays thanked the Walled Lake Northern Bands for their performance. Ms. Jaquays said for the first time ever, the City of Walled Lake introduced the Walled Lake Honor Guard. Ms. Jaquays said Council Member Owsinek was honored for his service in the US Navy and was presented with an American flag. Ms. Jaquays said the students through the Walled Lake Consolidated School District recorded the ceremony and it is available to watch on their Youtube Channel, WLTV.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Robertson said the Honor Guard did a great job.

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Fernandes thanked staff for providing a line-up map and participant list in advance to assist with the staging area directions.

Council Member Woods said he spoke with a Walled Lake Northern Band representative and he said this year's Senior class was happy to participate as their Freshman year participation was cancelled due to Covid.

2. Market Place Update

Ms. Jaquays said the market has been averaging 20 vendors a week, contingent on weather. Ms. Jaquays said City Hall continues to receive interested vendor applications daily. Ms. Jaquays said this Wednesday, the market has scheduled a "Summer Kick-Off" event and includes a musician, food vendors, and a storytime from the Library.

3. Summer Festival Update

Ms. Jaquays said a flyer has been provided to the commission with information about the event and the scheduled activities. Ms. Jaquays said in response to the community's feedback, the City will be having its first ever weekend market from 9AM to 2PM. Ms. Jaquays said some Wednesday vendors have expressed an interest in attending. Ms. Jaquays said the Commerce Township Historical Society will be hosting trail walks during the market and doing information talks along the trail. Ms. Jaquays said the Fire Department will also be doing an Open House and will have apparatus on display. Ms. Jaquays said in the evening, the Walled Lake Civic Fund will put on a Fire Work display. Ms. Jaquays said the Greenhouse of Walled Lake, in partnership with the Civic Fund, will be hosting a beer tent. Ms. Jaquays said they have already received the necessary approvals. Ms. Jaquays said food trucks will be downtown as well.

4. Summer Concerts Update

Ms. Jaquays said the summer concerts at Hiram Sims park begin later this month.

P&R 06-03-24 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Hana Jaquays

Recording Secretary

Dennis O'Rourke
Chairman