



**CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

**MINUTES FOR  
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
CENTRAL PARK PLACE  
421 COLUMBUS AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, July 10, 2024  
6:00 PM**

Committee members unable to attend are requested to contact Derek Lemke, City Liaison, at [dlemke@grandhaven.org](mailto:dlemke@grandhaven.org) or 616-847-3493

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL – Welcome to new members Brandon Nearanz and Dennis Nivison**

- **Jerry Troke**
- **Dennis Nivison**
- **Jane Riddle**
- **Brandon Nearanz**
- **Ivy DeWitt**
- **Brad Boyink**
- **Nicki Bonczyk**
- **Derek Lemke - City Liason**

**Absent:**

- **Sarah Kallio**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Ivy - Motion to Approve Agenda.**

**Nicki - Second**

**Approved unanimously**

**4. CALL TO AUDIENCE**

*At this time, members of the audience may address Committee on any item, whether on the agenda or not. Those addressing Committee are asked to provide their name and address and will be limited to three minutes of speaking time. Committee will hear all comments for future consideration but will not have a response at this time.*

*Tim Price expressed gratitude to the new members of the committee.*

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 12, 2024**

**Ivy - Motion to approve minutes as submitted.**

**Nicki - Second**

**Approved unanimously**

## **6. APPROVAL OF NEW CHOREOGRAPHER**

- Ethan Walker

**Jane - Motion to Approve Ethan Walker as an official choreographer.**

**Ivy - Second**

**Approved Unanimously**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. MAINTENANCE ITEMS**

- PanelView and PLC Programming Software – software has been downloaded and installed on PC2 Fountain computer
- Tree trimming – completed, including access road
- New DMX lighting driver module on order from Michigan Lighting West
- Exploring FREE ways to accomplish remote access to Fountain computers
- Power outage on July 17 for power line to be buried.

### **B. TASK FORCE ITEMS**

- Fireworks debris cleanup – completed, many thanks to Kristin and the Boy Scouts
  - The committee expresses deep gratitude to the volunteers who participated with the clean up.

### **C. PRODUCTION ITEMS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Show – went very well, Jerry trained as Launchmaster by Brad
  - Launchmaster is the coordinator of the events during the fireworks show. Jerry successfully managed three fires in his debut as Launchmaster!
- Song Testing continues, most recently on Wednesday, July 3
  - 56 new songs
- Voice of the Fountain update – Fountain Announcements
  - Jerry, Brad, and Nicki are working on using a cloned voice to make the AI voice

sound a little better. There is also a path to improve pronunciation.

- Brandon noticed that there is a small typo in one of the announcements. It will be corrected.

#### **D. MARKETING ITEMS**

- New “Tune to 88.7” signs will need to be updated – working with David Oliver
- Revised Rack Card draft approval – see sample
  - Nicki would like to make the change from 20-25 minutes to 25-30 minutes.
  - The recommendation is made to add a note that the show may not run all Fridays and Saturdays in May.

**Jane - Motion to approve the rack card with edits to the run time and May schedule**

**Nicki - Seconds**

**Passes Unanimously**

- Artwork on the fountain.
  - Right now, ART has its own page on the website. The recommendation is to rework the art donations into the “Ways to Donate” section.
- Should look into a Shopify site to sell fountain merch?

#### **E. FINANCE ITEMS**

- Review of current financial statements

### **8. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

- New firefighting connections to Fountain
  - The wave pipe is fully charged whenever the pump is running. Rite-Way Plumbing created adapters for each end of the pipe with diverters. We can also now feed the pumper truck. This also allows the firefighters to run hose lines across the hill rather than have to carry backpacks. They will be able to defend the hill with fewer people required.
- New Committee Members – here tonight
- Software update

- Brad is wondering if the 3 second delay can be moved to 0.

## **9. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- Requests for tours
  - We do have a waiver of liability form now.
  - Could we do a virtual tour on the website?
- Chairs for concerts during Coast Guard
  - Chairs get set up around 3pm.
  - No teardown is allowed until after the fountain.
  - Once the concert is done, people can sit in any open chairs.

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATE – August 14, 2024**

- Need volunteer to lead meeting as Chair is out of town
  - Moving the meeting to 8/21/2024

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**