

CITY OF GRAND HAVEN  
GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN

MINUTES FOR  
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN COMMITTEE  
MEETING

CENTRAL PARK PLACE\*  
421 COLUMBUS AVE

WEDNESDAY, December 13, 2023  
6:00 PM

Committee members unable to attend are requested to contact Doug Lang, City Liaison, at  
dlang@grandhaven.org or 616-847-3493

**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:00 pm**

**2. ROLL CALL**

- a. Present:
  - i. Jerry Troke
  - ii. Nicki Bonczyk
  - iii. Sarah Kalios
  - iv. Stancie McClellan
- b. Not Present:
  - i. Andy Cawthon
  - ii. Ivy DeWitt
  - iii. Sally Meyers
- c. City Liaison:
  - i. Doug Lang
- d. GH Community Members:
  - i. Brad Boyink

**3. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AND REGULAR AGENDAS**

- a. Motion Approved: Nicki Bonczyk
- b. Second: Sarah Kalios
- c. Motion Carries

**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.*

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of minutes of meeting of November 15, 2023
- b. Approval of Boy Band Night Songs
  - i. You Got It (The Right Stuff) (New Kids on the Block)
  - ii. MMMBop (Hansen)
  - iii. Larger Than Life (Backstreet Boys)
  - iv. What Makes You Beautiful (One Direction)
  - v. Burnin' Up (Jonas Brothers)
  - vi. Dynamite (BTS)
- c. Approval of Pink Floyd Show Night Songs (All songs by Pink Floyd)
  - i. Time
  - ii. Another Brick in the Wall
  - iii. Learning to Fly
  - iv. On the Turning Way
  - v. High Hopes
- d. Approval of Additional Songs for Review Songs
  - i. All I Want for Christmas is You (Mariah Carey)
  - ii. Christmas in Dixie (Alabama)
  - iii. Semper Paratus (US Coast Guard)
  - iv. Fly Me to the Moon (Frank Sinatra)
  - v. Sweet Home Alabama (Lynyrd Skynyrd)
  - vi. Old Time Rock & Roll (Bob Seeger)
  - vii. Style (Taylor Swift)
  - viii. Belong to Me (Taylor Swift)
  - ix. Seventy-Six Trombones (The Music Man Broadway)
- e. Approval of Training Music
  - i. The Bride and the Thief
- f. Approval of The Fountain Goes Country Songs
  - i. Jolene (Dolly Parton)
  - ii. I Go Back (Kenny Chesney)
  - iii. Any Man of Mine (Shania Twain)
  - iv. Watermelon Crawl (Tracy Byrd)
  - v. It's a Great Day (Travis Tritt)
  - vi. I Love This Life (LoCash)
  - vii. Summertime (Kenny Chesney)
  - viii. Brand New Man (Brooks & Dunn)

- ix. I Hope You Dance (Lee Ann Womack)
- x. Heart Like a Truck (Lainey Wilson)
- xi. Sparks Fly (Taylor Swift)
- xii. Tim McGraw (Taylor Swift)
- xiii. Bejeweled (Taylor Swift)

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council-Approved Musical Fountain Song and Choreography Request Policy
- b. Consideration of Songs for Approval for which further discussion was requested.
  - i. The Thunder Rolls (Garth Brooks)
    - Motion to Approve: Nicki Bonczyk
    - Second: Stancie McClellan
    - Fails
  - ii. Friends in Low Places (Garth Brooks)
    - Motion to Approve: Stancie McClellan
    - Second: Nicki Bonczyk
    - Passes
  - iii. Achy Breaky Heart (Billy Ray Cyrus)
    - Motion to Approve: Stancie McClellan
    - Second: Sarah Kalios
    - Passes
  - iv. Cardigan (Taylor Swift)
    - Motion to Approve: Sarah Kalios
    - Second: Nicki Bonczyk
    - Fails
- c. CITY AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS
  - i. Tour Policy – no further progress
  - ii. Grating replacement – no further progress
  - iii. Rebuilding of pumps – Krum Pumps working on response to our needs
  - iv. Unplug large pond drain line – completed *12.12.2023*
  - v. Shut off and drain water supply line – completed *approximately two weeks ago*
  - vi. Crack sealing of basin – address in Spring
  - vii. Address erosion under basin drain on east edge – address in Spring
  - viii. Tree trimming – address in Spring
- d. TASK FORCE ITEMS
  - i. Volunteer Day will be targeted for April – set date at next meeting
- e. PRODUCTION ITEMS

i. Licensing & Reporting Update

- Doug is currently working on getting the reporting account setup correctly.

ii. Choreography Publicity & Training Update

- 40 community individuals have reached out asking to learn how to choreograph music for the fountain. Combined with existing Choreographers and interested Committee members, our total is 48.
- Training includes:
  - a. Two 2-hour class sessions on teaching individuals the basics of the software and techniques on the fountain. The training will be offered through Zoom video conferencing, and will be recorded for future reference.
  - b. Everyone will be provided with a song to work through. It will be the same song so we can compare everyone on an even playing field.
  - c. We will use it as a learning and community building activity.
  - d. We will be using Zoom to teach the courses because we have a lot of individuals outside of Grand Haven that want to help us out.
  - e. See the attached agenda items for the specific details for the courses and what is expected during the training.

iii. Funding of Songs

- With all the new choreographs, the committee would like to purchase the music to ensure that the correct songs and versions are being played. Nick has created a motion that funding be set aside to purchase the music for choreographers and store it in a shared location.
  - Motion to Approve: Nicki Bonczyk
  - Second: Sarah Kalios
  - Passes

f. MARKETING ITEMS

i. GH Visitors Guide Opportunity

- Committee has decided to not purchase an ad in the visitors guide as we believe our other initiatives are working well.

g. FINANCE ITEMS

i. Review of current financial statements – **approved as submitted**

**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- a. Request from City for input on July 4 Fireworks Show handling.
- b. Meeting with Fire Marshall about fire support during fireworks shows.

- i. Looking for opportunities to use the fountain pumps to push water out of the Wave feature to get water out to the dune for water/fire support.

## **8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **9. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Crew Leader, Terry Stevens, has retired from the city and is no longer an operator for the Musical Fountain. With the retirement, Terry has also stepped down as an ex-officio committee member. Terry will continue to remain on the Friends of the Musical Fountain board.
- b. Coast Guard Festival Update from Brad Boyink
  - i. We have the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coast Guard Festival in 2024
  - ii. We will be launching drones from the Musical Fountain to include a drone show with the Friday and Saturday shows.
  - iii. Looking to be the first drone/fountain show of its kind. Currently, a drone/fountain show has never been done.
  - iv. Looking to run 100-150 drones in the show.
  - v. *Stancie has created a motion that the Musical Fountain will support the CGF and the effort to bring drones to the show.*
  - vi. Motion to Approve: Stancie McClellan
  - vii. Second: Sarah Kalios
  - viii. Passes

## **10. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 13, 2024**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:53pm