

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

**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2022**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on March 2, 2022 at 6.00 p.m. at the Community Center Woodbine Room.

**Roll Call:** Tonya Christiansen, Chair  
Robert Bell, Co-Chair  
Lynn Groothuis  
Jim DeVries

**Absent:** Rich Dawkins

Also Present: Matt Wade, Streets & Utilities Manager and Board Liaison.

**Approval of Minutes** from the February 2, 2022 meeting:

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by DeVries to approve the P&R Board Meeting Minutes from February 2, 2022.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**New Business**

- 22-17** A discussion regarding a treatment program for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid that was presented during the Duncan Park Board meeting.

Parks & Rec Board members are in support of the program and believe it is a necessary step to take in protecting the hemlock trees in City parks.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

- 22-18** **Special Event – Grand Haven Triathlon**

**Request Made by:** Ron Knoll  
**Type of Event:** Race  
**Location:** Mulligans Hollow  
**Date(s) of Event:** Sunday, July 10, 2022  
**Time Frame:** Event: July 10, 6:30am to 12:30pm

**Attendee Count:** 350-400

**Notes**

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Grand Haven Triathlon, held at Mulligans Hollow, Sunday, July 10, 2022 from 6:30am to 12:30pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-19 Special Event – Grand Haven Offshore Challenge**

**Request Made by:** Grand Haven Offshore Challenge

**Type of Event:** Fishing Tournament

**Location:** Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium

**Date(s) of Event:** Thursday June 2 – Sunday June 5

**Time Frame:** Event: 6:30am to 5:00pm

**Attendee Count:** 290

**Notes**

A motion was made by DeVries, and seconded by Groothuis to approve special event, Grand Haven Offshore Challenge, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, Thursday, June 2, 2022 – Sunday, June 5, 2022 from 6:30am to 5:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-20 Special Event – World Book Day**

**Request Made by:** Natalie Fedewa

**Type of Event:** Book Giveaway

**Location:** Grand Haven Central Park

**Date(s) of Event:** Sunday, April 24, 2022

**Time Frame:** Event: 12:00pm to 5:00pm

**Attendee Count:** 1,000

**Notes**

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve special event, World Book Day, held at Grand Haven Central Park, Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-21 Special Event – Gajdos/Beard Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Derek Gajdos

**Type of Event:** Wedding

**Location:** Grand Haven City Beach

**Date(s) of Event:** June 9, 2022

**Time Frame:** Event: 4:00pm to 6:00pm  
**Attendee Count:** 30  
**Notes**

A motion was made by DeVries, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Gajdos/Beard Wedding, held at the Grand Haven City Beach, Thursday, June 9, 2022 from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-22 Special Event – Easter Egg Hunt**

**Request Made by:** Coldwell Banker Woodland Schmidt  
**Type of Event:** Easter Egg Hunt  
**Location:** Grand Haven Central Park  
**Date(s) of Event:** Saturday, April 16, 2022  
**Time Frame:** Event: 11:00am to 12:00pm  
**Attendee Count:** 2,000  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Easter Egg Hunt, held at Grand Haven Central Park, Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-23 Special Event – Grand Haven Classic**

**Request Made by:** Grand Haven Area Public Schools  
**Type of Event:** Baseball Tournament  
**Location:** East Grand River Park (Baseball Field)  
**Date(s) of Event:** Thursday, June 23, - Sunday June 26, 2022  
**Time Frame:** Event: 8:00am to 9:00pm  
**Attendee Count:** 200  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by DeVries to approve special event, Grand Haven Classic, Baseball Tournament, held at East Grand River Park (baseball field) Thursday, June 23, 2022 – Sunday, June 26, 2022 from 8:00am to 9:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-24 Special Event – YMCA Youth Tennis Program**

**Request Made by:** Jentry Karpin  
**Type of Event:** Tennis Program  
**Location:** Mulligan's Hollow Tennis Courts

**Date(s) of Event:** Wednesdays, June 18 – August 20, 2022  
**Time Frame:** Event: 5:00pm to 7:00pm  
**Attendee Count:** 12  
**Notes** Parks Board members are recommending that a sign should be put up notifying that the courts are reserved on Wednesday nights. The YMCA Youth Tennis Program could put up some yard signs with reservation dates listed.

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve special event, YMCA Youth Tennis Program, held at the Mulligans Hollow Tennis Courts, Wednesdays, June 18, - August 20, 2022 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-25    Special Event – Brady Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Barbara Brady  
**Type of Event:** Wedding  
**Location:** Grand Haven City Beach  
**Date(s) of Event:** Friday, August 26, 2022  
**Time Frame:** Event: 7:00pm to 8:30pm  
**Attendee Count:** 50-60  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by DeVries to approve special event, Brady Wedding, held at the Grand Haven City Beach, Friday, August 26, 2022 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-26    Special Event – (Recurring) YMCA Summer Day Camp**

**Request Made by:** Kelly Haracourt  
**Type of Event:** Summer Day Camp  
**Location:** Mulligan's Hollow  
**Date(s) of Event:** Monday – Friday, June 6 – August 19, 2022  
**Time Frame:** Event: 7:00am to 7:00pm  
**Attendee Count:** 175 per week  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by DeVries to approve special event, (Recurring) YMCA Summer Day Camp, held at Mulligans Hollow, Monday - Friday, June 6 – August 19, 2022 from 7:00am to 7:00pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**22-27    Special Event – McCauley Wedding**

**Request Made by:**    My Barefoot Wedding  
**Type of Event:**        Wedding  
**Location:**            Grand Haven City Beach  
**Date(s) of Event:**    Friday, June 17, 2022  
**Time Frame:**         Event: 6:30pm to 6:45pm  
**Attendee Count:**     75  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve special event, McCauley Wedding, held at the Grand Haven City Beach, Friday, June 17, 2022 from 6:30pm to 6:45pm.

**Motion was approved 4-0**

**General Business**

- The Parks Board members discussed the possibilities of creating monarch butterfly gardens in City parks. The habitat is decreasing rapidly and there are some things that can be done to improve the monarch butterfly habitat in our City Parks. Board members would City staff to designate a few areas in parks that could be considered butterfly gardens.
- The Parks Board members discussed new wording for the Dog Park Signs. City staff will create a proof of the signs for the Parks Board to take a look at and approve at the April meeting.
- The monthly Parks and Rec Board meeting location will move back to the City Hall location in the future.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by DeVries, and seconded by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.