

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

**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2024**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on June 5, 2024 at 6:00 pm at City Hall Council Chambers.

**Roll Call:** Bruce Baker, Chair  
Jim DeVries  
Tami Harvey

**Absent:** Lynn Groothuis  
Winsome Bricker, Co-Chair

**Also Present:** Mayor Bob Monetza, Council Member Mike Fritz, City Manager Ashley Latsch, City Planner Brian Urquhart, Eric Schmidt (resident), Leslie Armantrout (resident), Rachel Dody (Director, Children’s Museum), and Deputy Public Works Director Dana Kolleywehr.

**Approval of Minutes** from the May 1, 2024 meeting:

A motion was made by DeVries and seconded by Harvey to approve the P&R Board Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2024. **Motion was approved 3-0.**

**New Business**

**24-54    Park Use Permit – Dobberstein/Olvera Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Faith Dobberstein  
**Type of Event:** Ceremony  
**Location:** Grand Haven City Beach  
**Date(s) of Event:** Saturday, May 31, 2025  
**Time Frame:** Event: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
**Attendee Count:** 100-200  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by DeVries to approve the Dobberstein/Olvera wedding held at Grand Haven City Beach on Saturday, May 31, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-55    Park Use Permit – Gleason/Shepherd Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Lucas Hattenhuff  
**Type of Event:** Ceremony  
**Location:** Central Park  
**Date(s) of Event:** Monday, June 14, 2024  
**Time Frame:** Event: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
**Attendee Count:** 100  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by DeVries to approve the Gleason/Shepherd wedding held at Central Park on Monday, June 14, 2024, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-56    Park Use Permit – Veltman Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Abbey Davis  
**Type of Event:** Ceremony  
**Location:** Central Park  
**Date(s) of Event:** Saturday, August 24, 2024  
**Time Frame:** Event: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
**Attendee Count:** 150  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Harvey to approve the Veltman wedding held at Central Park on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-57    Park Use Permit – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Scrimmages**

**Request Made by:** Eric Schmidt  
**Type of Event:** Basketball Scrimmage  
**Location:** Mulligan’s Hollow Basketball Courts  
**Date(s) of Event:** June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19 and August 9, 16, 2024  
**Time Frame:** Event: 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Attendee Count:** 20-24  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by DeVries to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball scrimmages held at Mulligan’s Hollow Basketball Courts on June 21, June 28, July 12, July 19, August 9 and August 16, 2024, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-58     Park Use Permit – Waterfront Worship Service**

**Request Made by:**     Covenant Life Church/Chris Walker  
**Type of Event:**         Church Service  
**Location:**               Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium  
**Date(s) of Event:**     Sunday, September 8, 2024  
**Time Frame:**           Event: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Attendee Count:**     500-600  
**Notes**

A motion was made by DeVries and seconded by Harvey to approve the Waterfront Worship Service held at Lynne Sherwood Stadium on Sunday, September 18, 2024, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-59     Park Use Permit – Knell Wedding**

**Request Made by:**     Kincaid Rogers  
**Type of Event:**         Ceremony  
**Location:**               Grand Haven City Beach  
**Date(s) of Event:**     Sunday, July 14, 2024  
**Time Frame:**           Event: 8:00 am to 8:30 am  
**Attendee Count:**     25  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by DeVries to approve the Knell wedding held at Grand Haven City Beach on Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 8:00 am to 8:30 am.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-60     Park Use Permit – Cooper/Hoeze Wedding**

**Request Made by:**     Chad Cooper  
**Type of Event:**         Ceremony  
**Location:**               Grand Haven City Beach  
**Date(s) of Event:**     Saturday, June 15, 2024  
**Time Frame:**           Event: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
**Attendee Count:**     20  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by DeVries to approve the Cooper/Hoeze wedding held at Grand Haven City Beach on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**24-61    Park Use Permit – Kirchner Beach Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Margaret Kirchner  
**Type of Event:** Ceremony  
**Location:** Grand Haven City Beach  
**Date(s) of Event:** Friday, June 28, 2024  
**Time Frame:** Event: 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
**Attendee Count:** 10  
**Notes**

A motion was made by Harvey and seconded by DeVries to approve the Kirchner wedding held at Grand Haven City Beach on Friday, June 28, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

**Motion was approved 3-0.**

**General Business**

- Chinook Pier RFP Submissions

Chairman Harvey opened the discussion regarding the Chinook Pier proposals received by the City. Members of the audience were invited to comment on the submissions.

**Leslie Armantrout:** Provided comment on the water view and management of the site.

**Brent Clark:** Commented on the economic assessment of the Children’s Museum and coordination with the Harbor Island plans.

**Rachel Dody:** Address the management plan for the Children’s Museum and the economic data collected.

City Manager Latsch and Planner Urquhart provided an overview of the three proposals received for the former Chinook Pier and farmers market site. The three proposals were from Midwest Construction, Copper Rock, and the Cherrette Group.

**Midwest Construction’s** proposal included an indoor/outdoor market with year-round recreation inside, a food truck row with outdoor dining, an ice rink, mini golf, an outdoor fireplace, and lease space that may include a restaurant.

**Copper Rock’s** proposal included a two-story retail space with upper-floor commercial space, a public plaza, an indoor/outdoor farmers market, and public art.

**Cherrette Group’s** proposal included an open-stall farmer’s market, children’s museum, retail/office space, public restroom, and fish cleaning station for the Charter Boat fleet located at the marina.

Following the overview, the Parks and Recreation Board members provided their feedback on the proposals. No formal recommendation was made to the City Council from the Parks and Recreation Board, but members expressed concern regarding the intensity of use on the site, preferring green space. Some concern was also expressed about the mix of commercial uses in the proposals, including the restaurant's viability and the potential impact on the downtown businesses.

### **Adjournment**

The Parks and Rec Board meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.