

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

Parks and Recreation Board

**Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2021**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on August 11, 2021 at 6:02 p.m. at the conference room at City Hall.

Roll Call: Tonya Christiansen, Co-Chair
 Rich Dawkins
 Robert Bell
 Jim DeVries

Absent: Lynn Groothuis

Also Present: Matt Wade, Streets & Utilities Manager and Board Liaison; Derek Gajdos, Director of Public Works; Tom Suszka, General Manager at The Lakes Mall; John Martin, Loutit District Library; John Sauve, Suave Art Foundation; Randy Smith, Marushka; Bruce Baker; Nicole Shindlebeck.

Approval of Minutes from the July 7, 2021 meeting:

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the P&R Board Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2021

Motion was approved 4-0

New Business

21-100 Consideration by the Parks and Recreation Board to Approve 10 art sculptures from the Sauve Art Foundation, located in Linear Park, for two years.

The art sculptures will be placed adequately throughout the park. The City has also required that each sculpture is individually lit at night. John from the Suave Art Foundation noted that all costs associated with the sculptures will be handled through the art foundation. The City is currently engaging in repairs being made to the sidewalk damaged from the previous year's flooding.

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by Dawkins to approve 10 art sculptures from the Sauve Art Foundation, located in Linear Park, for two years.

Motion was approved 4-0

Public Comment:

Nicole Schindlebeck spoke about recent Dog Park issues. She would like the Parks Board to put some thought into making improvements to the safety of the dog park. A small dog was recently attacked and killed by a large dog that had made its way into the small dog park. Nicole asked the Parks Board what can happen with the dog park to make it safer? She recommended moving the parks further away from one another, adding automatic closing gates, replacing the fences with taller fences, and adding surveillance cameras.

21-101 A vote to appoint a new Parks and Rec Board Chairperson.

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to appoint Tonya Christiansen as the Parks and Recreation Board Chair Person.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-102 Special Event – (Recurring) Walk The Beat

Request Made by: Bob Moore
Type of Event: Concert
Location: Bolt Park
Date(s) of Event: August 14, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 1:00pm – 5:00pm
Attendee Count: 1000
Notes:

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Walk the Beat August 14, 2021 at Bolt Park from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-103 Special Event – YMCA Youth Sports Camp

Request Made by: Tri-Cities Family YMCA
Type of Event: Youth Sports Camp
Location: Mulligan's Hollow
Date(s) of Event: August 21, 2021
Time Frame: Event: Monday – Friday, September 7 2021 – November 30, 2021 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm
Attendee Count: 5-20

Notes

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by Dawkins to approve the special event YMCA Youth Sports Camp, Monday – Friday, September 7, 2021 – November 30, 2021 at Mulligans Hollow from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-104 Special Event – Covenant Life Church Worship Service

Request Made by: Chris Walker
Type of Event: Church Worship Service
Location: Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: September 26, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Set up: 5:30am
Attendee Count: 500 - 700
Notes

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Covenant Life Church Worship Service, September 26, 2021 at the Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-105 Special Event – Knope / Miller Wedding

Request Made by: My Barefoot Wedding
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: September 24, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 7:00pm to 7:15pm
Set up: 6:15pm
Attendee Count: 16
Notes

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Knope/Miller Wedding September 24, 2021 at Grand Haven City Beach from 7:00pm to 7:15pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-106 Special Event – Armstrong Wedding

Request Made by: Meghan Newmyer
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: August 20, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 7:00pm to 7:15pm
Set up: 6:15pm
Attendee Count: 16
Notes

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Armstrong Wedding August 20, 2021 at Grand Haven City Beach from 7:00pm to 7:15pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-107 Special Event – Wheeler / Burnside Wedding

Request Made by: My Barefoot Wedding
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: September 10, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 5:15pm to 6:00pm
Set up: 5:15pm
Attendee Count: 40
Notes

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by Dawkins to approve the special event Wheeler/Burnside Wedding September 10, 2021 at Grand Haven City Beach from 5:15pm to 6:00pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-108 Special Event – Villescas / Gregg Wedding

Request Made by: Paul Villescas
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: September 8, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 4:30pm to 5:30pm
Set up: 3:30pm
Attendee Count: 18
Notes

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Villescas/Gregg Wedding September 8, 2021 at Grand Haven City Beach from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-109 Special Event – (Recurring) Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative-with changes

Request Made by: Reyna Masko

Type of Event: Week Long Hispanic Heritage Fiesta

Location: Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium & Central Park

Date(s) of Event: September 19, 2021 – September 25, 2021

Time Frame: Event: Flag Parade 12:00pm to 3:00pm

Concert 10:00am to 10:00pm

Fiesta 11:00am to 10:00pm

Attendee Count: 50 - 2000

Notes:

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by Dawkins to approve the special event Tri-Cities Puentes Initiative-with changes September 19, 2021 – September 25, 2021 at the Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium and Central Park at various times throughout the week.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-110 Special Event – (Recurring) Waterfront Walk for Hospice - 2021

Request Made by: Hospice of North Ottawa County

Type of Event: Fundraiser Walk

Location: Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium

Date(s) of Event: October 2, 2021

Time Frame: Event: 9:30am to 12:00pm

Set up: 7:00am to 9:00am

Attendee Count: 50

Notes

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Waterfront Walk for Hospice – 2021 on October 2, 2021 at the Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium from 7:00am to 9:00am.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-111 Special Event – Barker Family Birthday Fundraiser

Request Made by: Julie Barker
Type of Event: Concert
Location: Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: September 6, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 2:00pm to 7:00pm
Set up: 11:00am
Attendee Count: 50 - 100
Notes

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by Dawkins to approve the special event Barker Family Birthday Fundraiser September 6, 2021 at Lynn Sherwood Waterfront Stadium from 2:00pm to 7:00pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

21-112 Special Event – Earle / Hollinshead Wedding

Request Made by: My Barefoot Wedding
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: August 18, 2021
Time Frame: Event: 7:30pm to 7:45pm
Set up: 6:45pm
Attendee Count: 2
Notes

A motion was made by Dawkins and seconded by Bell to approve the special event Earle/Hollinshead Wedding August 18, 2021 at Grand Haven City Beach from 7:30pm to 7:45pm.

Motion was approved 4-0

General Business

- None

Adjournment

It was moved by Bell, seconded by Dawkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm.