

**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 Distric 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 it's 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.