



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

**MINUTES FOR
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CITY HALL
519 WASHINGTON AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2026
6:00 PM**

Committee members unable to attend are requested to contact Brian Jarosz, City Liaison, at bjarosz@grandhaven.org or 616-847-3493

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL–WelcometnewcommitteememberDonLooman

*Present : Brad Boyink, Brandon Nearanz, Dennis Nivison, Don Looman, Nicki Bonczyk and Brian Jarosz
Absent : Jane Riddle, Jerry Troke and Ivy DeWitt*

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nicki requested the removal of Kara as a choreographer as her practice submission did not make it in prior to this meeting. Looking forward to revisiting this in the April meeting.

Motion to Approve: Brandon Nearanz,

Second: Dennis Nivison

Motion passed unanimously.

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 10, 2025

Motion to Approve: Brandon Nearanz,

Second: Don Looman

Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Thursday Crew back at work starting last week March 5

Update from Dennis: Working on valve replacements. Mayor Bob is working on rebuilding Pump #2. Starting to work on the new lights. Brad to deliver the new, built boxes.

PLC Updates to better support Wave functions:

Update from Brad: Working to eliminate the unnecessary codes from the PLC to create the ability to better send information via a timer to the PLC. Allows the removable of the manual codes.

We currently have two timers running on the fountain. Working to eliminate the collision of Timers on the Wave.

Continuing to address the errors he is finding in the PLC

New Operator Software is coming with playback updates, weather updates, announcements, volume bars, and data collection.

PLC to send feedback to the volunteer crew for items of maintenance and what to check.

Status Update on New Lighting:

Update from Brad: Fountain Director is ready to work with the new lights. Hoping to have lights installed prior to the Volunteer Day. Light fixtures are at the hill and the Thursday Crew working on prep for installation. Enclosures (with splitters) are built and ready to install

City Items

- Need Porta-Potty in place prior to Volunteer Day
- Pond washdown – Spring
- Leak in Control Room roof – Spring
- Crack seal the asphalt – Spring
- Replace the Anchor House roof – Spring
- Replace the Anchor pole boot – Spring

Updates from Brian: All but the Anchor items are on track. and golf cart posts are coming for the spring

B. TASK FORCE ITEMS

- April 25 Spring Volunteer Day – planning and publicity

Nicki to work on a social media and website update for fans.

Call to volunteers to go online at the beginning of April

C. PRODUCTION ITEMS

○ New Choreographers

- Erin Hoolahan-Rice

- ~~Kara Nearanz~~

Motion to Approve: Brandon Nearanz

Second: Dennis Nivison

Motion passed unanimously.

○ Music Approval

- First Batch of Music Presented on new Committee Review page for Review tonight

Motion to Approve: Brandon Nearanz

Second: Don Looman

Song Discussion:

Songs removed from consideration included:

- Your Idol – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Strategy – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Soda Pop – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- How It's Done – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Takedown – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast

Songs Approved via committee

- Krytonite – 3 Doors Down
- What It Sounds Like – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Path – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Golden – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Free – K-Pop Demon Hunters Cast
- Twisting The Night Away – Sam Cooke
- Can You Feel The Love – Elton John
- Keep Your Hands To Yourself – Georgia Satellites
- Pride And Joy – Stevie Ray Vaughn
- Love Song – Tesla
- Both Sides Now – Judy Collins
- North To Alaska – Johnny Horton
- Mercury Blues – Alan Jackson
- Complicated – Avril Lavigne
- It's Not My Time – 3 Doors Down
- Let Me Go – 3 Doors Down
- When I'm Gone – 3 Doors Down
- The Code – Nemo
- Ties – Olly Alexander

- New Choreography and Playback software update:
Update from Brad:
 - Adding notes in the committee approval page
 - Brad working on fixing the Record and Submit features
 - We are excited for a new era of choreography
 - Five stars to the speed adjustment
- Choreographer Training update
Update from Brad: Hosted four official trainings followed by a very productive Q&A.
- 2026 Song/Show Updates
Update from Nicki:
 - We currently have 19 songs ready for testing in May
 - I'm encouraged that we will be able to bring some new shows in 2026
- Song Testing Plan – still shooting for May 8, 9, 15, & 16 for dedicated testing nights
- 2026 Season will start on Friday, May 22, 2026

D. MAKETING UPDATES

- Social Media update from Nicki:
- We are experimenting with a March Madness Challenge. Engagement with Fans is up and I'm encouraged by the comments. I feel it confirms that we are on the right track.
- Website Update from Nicki:
 - Website traffic is up with the announcements of our schedule starting to go live.
 - Most of the May and June shows are online for fans. July is being posted as time allows.
 - Do we have CGF Shows yet?
 - Dennis, to help write blogs for the website?
- Fundraiser for new lights
 - Tabled until April Meeting
- Printful donation shop
 - Tabled until April Meeting
- Other Ideas
 - None

E. FINANCE ITEMS

- December 2025 Year End statements
- February 2026 Year to Date statements
No questions or comments

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Looking forward to a great season!

8. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

New Business From Brad:

- We have a license for Live Streaming!
- Looking into hardware and installation with the city and streaming setup.
- Add to April 15th Meeting

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 15, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

7:52 pm March 11th, 2026