



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

**MINUTES FOR
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CITY HALL
519 WASHINGTON AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, May 13, 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

Present: Jerry Troke, Nicki Bonczyk, Don Looman, Jane Riddle, Brandon Nearanz, Brad Boyink, Dennis Nivison, Brian Jarosz

Absent: Ivy DeWitt

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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 APRIL 15, 2026

Correction of minutes: New choreographer Scott Neze added and welcomed

Motion to Approve: Nicki Bonczyk

Second: Brandon Nearanz

Motion Passed Unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

- Thursday Crew continues to work every week Tuesday through Thursday
- PLC Updates to better support Wave functions – in discussion with Kendall
- New Lighting installation
 - Light fixtures are installed and wired
 - Thursday Crew working on final installation tasks

- Testing and light fixture aiming to be completed this week
- City Items still open
 - Crack seal the asphalt – Fall?
 - Replace the Anchor House roof – contractor to complete soon
 - Replace the Anchor pole boot – contractor to complete soon
 - Paint flagpole – Summer

Additional items:

Lights should be done by Friday

Volunteer day was very successful

The pond was washed out on Tuesday

Waiting for city to vacuum sand, etc

Power is up and looking good

Welcome to new crew member John

B. TASK FORCE ITEMS

- April 25 Spring Volunteer Day – well attended, many tasks completed

C. PRODUCTION ITEMS

- New Choreographer Approval
 - Alex Vanderkooy

Motion to Approve: Brandon Nearanz

Second: Nicki Bonczyk

Motion Passed

- Music Approval
 - Music from Committee Review page for Review tonight
 - Fillmore – USA
 - Brandon Davis – More Than A Flag
 - Scotty McCreary – Bottle Rockets In The Sky
 - Olivia Dean – Man I Need
 - Bruno Mars – I Just Might
 - Demi Lovato – Made In The USA
 - Alex Warren – Ordinary
 - Tom Petty – American Girl
 - John Williams – Liberty Fanfare

Motion To Approve: Brandon Nearanz

Second: Dennis Nivison

Motion Passed

- Choreography and Playback software updates (performance boost for Windows)
- Playback Version 1.4
- No longer a single file show. New software up and running—way ahead from last year!
- Program calculates weather conditions

- 2026 Song/Show Updates
- Song Testing Plan – now shooting for May 15 & 16 for dedicated testing nights
- 2026 Season will start on Friday, May 22, 2026

D. MARKETING ITEMS

- Social Media update
115 shows scheduled for this year! 5 more than last year. Fun playlists.
Fan following is going back up
 - Website update
Shows are loaded, playlists not finalized just yet
 - Fundraiser for new lights
 - “buying a particular light” very popular idea
Method to purchase lights will be set up and discussed next meeting
- Printful donation shop
Agreed to discuss at next meeting
- Other Ideas

E. FINANCE ITEMS

- April 2026 Statements

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Looking forward to a great season!
- Great publicity for fountain including FOX 17, WAWL, WGHN,
Billboard in Holland starting May 18
So many changes with lighting, new programs, new songs
Toolbox story...”everyone loves the fountain!”

8. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Still looking for additional committee member

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 10, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT