



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

**MINUTES FOR
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CENTRAL PARK PLACE
421 COLUMBUS AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, November 13, 2024
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
Ivy DeWitt
Brian Jarosz (City Liason)
Nicki Bonzyk
Jane Riddle
Brandon Nearanz
Dennis Nivinson
Brad Boyink
- Absent:
Sarah Kallio

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to Approve – Nicki
Second – Jane
Passes 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 SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

**Motion to approve – Brandon
Second – Jane
Passes Unanimously**

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

- Sand blowout near flagpole – city placed snow fence, repaired conduit
- Winterization completed
- Pump 3 to be rebuilt during off-season
- Note to the city:
 - The water supply line is still on.
 - We need to crack seal the basin for the 2025 season.
- Sample upgraded replacement LED lights have arrived – now need to be tested
 - We have sample lights of the 10 and 45 degree models
 - Brad will be testing the fixtures over the winter.
 - No need to rewire any of the DMX fixtures
 - The units are also color-sync units, which will drive consistent color and intensity as fixtures eventually deteriorate.
 - Ivy – Recommendation to purchase a few spare inverter boards.
 - Brad confirms that the company will send 25 spare inverter boards at no cost.

B. TASK FORCE ITEMS

- Next Volunteer Day will occur in April 2025 – need to choose date
- **Targeting 4/26**

C. PRODUCTION ITEMS

- Song choreography continues – About 80 songs done, Goal still 100 by end of season!
- Choreography Training update
 - Brad would like to target the first Wednesday after New Years for the start of training.
 - Register at the website
 - Email is sent with Zoom link and the Choreographer Facebook group
 - info@ghfountain.com
 - Does it make sense to set up a Slack for choreography communication?
 - Targeting January 8th for next session

◦ Approval of new songs for Choreographers

- Queen

Motion to Approve: Nicki

Dennis: Second

Discussion:

Are we concerned about the violent nature of Bohemian Rhapsody? Comments – it is being played on standard radio in a non-edited format. Is it too long to be a fountain song? It is a song that has played by cover bands in the stadium.

Approved unanimously

- The Beach Boys

Discussion:

Kokomo – There is a subtle sexual inuendo.

Barbara Ann – Discussion of the intro

Motion to edit Barbara Ann to radio edit: Brandon

Second Jane

Approved unanimously

Motion to Approve: Brandon

Second: Ivy

Passes Unanimously

- Toby Keith

Motion to Approve: Ivy

Second: Nicki

Discussion – A Little Less Talk and a Lot More Action has a lot of sexual inuendo. There is some concern about the violent nature of Courtesy of the Red White and Blue.

Motion to Remove A Little Less Talk And A Lot More Action, As good as I once was, and Who's Your Daddy from Consideration

Second – Brandon

Approved Unanimously

Original Motion to approve the balance of the songs approved unanimously

- Bon Jovi

Motion to approve: Nicki

Second: Ivy

Discussion: The song Runaway references cocaine usage. Dead or Alive references alcohol usage. Keep the Faith says, “Everybody’s bitching.” There are some gun references in various songs.

Approved unanimously

- The Beatles

Motion to approve: Nicki

Second: Ivy

Discussion: No concerns

Approved Unanimously

- 2025 Show Ideas discussion – Brad has submitted some new songs for the New Wave show for consideration at our next meeting.

D. MARKETING ITEMS

- Add a GHMF streaming camera or continue to rely on WGHN Channel Cam? – No further work as been done at this time.
- Fundraising activities – There is probably the need to do a campaign in order to purchase new lights.
- Nicki is looking at Printful
- Brian recommends talking to the DDA about a joint initiative.

E. FINANCE ITEMS

- Review of current financial statements

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- 2024 Crowd Numbers - ~54,000 people over the season without the fireworks shows or the Taylor Swift debut show.
- Correspondence – Reviewed thank you correspondence letters and cards.
- City Council Report
- WAWL Segment
- Volunteer Appreciation Event

8. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about potential changes to BMI licensing and how it is moving toward an attendance-based fee instead of a # of song-based fee.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – December 11, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT