



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

**MINUTES FOR
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING
CENTRAL PARK PLACE
421 COLUMBUS AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, March 12, 2025
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 Bonzyk
Brandon Nearanz
Dennis Nivinson
Brian Jarosz (City Liaison)

Absent:

Brad Boyink
Jane Riddle
Sarah Kallio

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to Approve - Brandon

Second - Nicki

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 DECEMBER 11, 2024

Motion to Approve - Ivy

Second - Brandon

Passes unanimously

Brandon made a note that there is a single line in Shivers by Ed Sheeran that was approved last month with the caveat that one line be removed. It has already been edited out of the song for choreography.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

- Work resumed on the hill on March 6
- 4-man crew planned for this season
- Status update on potential new lighting

—**Testing on lighting has been going well. We are requesting a new quote. The group discussed waiting for the tariffs to be less volatile before we order.**

◦ City Items

- Need porta-potty in place by April 25

—**We are requesting this earlier than usual. Brian will pass it along to Derek Lemke.**

- Spring washdown of pond
- Crack seal the asphalt and pond
- Entry road scraping/leveling

—**The City is filling the holes with gravel.**

- Tree trimming on sides, evergreen in center

—**Confirmed that the trees in question are those impeding the view of the fountain from the stadium, not those on the access road.**

- Replace the Anchor House roof

—**Jerry confirmed that there are now holes that are a few inches wide in the roof.**

- Replace the Anchor pole boot

B. TASK FORCE ITEMS

- Volunteer Day will be April 26 – rain date of May 10

- Publicity needs?

—**Nicki/Jerry will email our list of people who have previously expressed interest in supporting the fountain.**

- Coffee/donuts, lunch, refreshments

- Task list under way

C. PRODUCTION ITEMS

- January Choreographer Training review

—**We resumed choreography classes online. There are two individuals that have completed their training song and are moving on to real work.**

- Slack for Choreographer communication and collaboration working great!

—**Feedback from the group implies that it is going well. Nicki has done an excellent job create views that work well for production and choreography. It is also working better for file management with less file corruption.**

- Approval of new choreographers Samuel Davy and Anne Thomas

Motion - Dennis

Second - Brandon

Passes unanimously after feedback from the producer.

- Approval of new songs for Choreographers

Motion to approve the 2025 songs for review - Brandon

Second - Nicki

Passes unanimously after discussion.

- Songs for Review (Feb. 2025)

1. I Heard It Through The Grapevine (Marvin Gaye) Lyrics

2. Ain't No Mountain High Enough (Marvin Gaye) Lyrics

3. Superstition (Stevie Wonder) Lyrics

4. Rockin' Robin (Michael Jackson) Lyrics

5. ABC (The Jackson 5) Lyrics

6. It's Five O'Clock Somewhere (Alan Jackson/Jimmy Buffett) Lyrics 7.

Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go (Wham!) Lyrics

8. Permission to Dance (BTS) Lyrics

9. We're Not Gonna Take It (Twisted Sister) Lyrics

10. Sweet Child O' Mine (Guns N' Roses) Lyrics

11. Home Sweet Home (Motley Crue) Lyrics

- 12. Yakko's World (The Animaniacs) Lyrics
- 13. All My Ex's Live In Texas (George Strait) Lyrics
- 14. Seven Nation Army (The White Stripes) Lyrics
- Discussion about the level of aggressiveness, but the committee was comfortable with the song.**
- 15. Detroit, Michigan (Kid Rock) Lyrics

- 2025 Show Ideas discussion - continued

D. MARKETING ITEMS

- Fundraising activities ideas
- Idea 1 - Sponsorship levels with announcements before the show.**
- Idea 2 - “Buy a light” program**
- Idea 3 - Using a site like Printful to create GHMF branded merchandise in exchange for a donation. Brian mentioned we could potentially use the marina office.**
- Idea 4 - Special Maruska shirt with a donation sponsorship?**
- New lighting fundraiser – “A Bright Idea”??
- Rack cards sent to MDOT for Welcome Centers
- Jerry reordered some from Verduins.**
- Free billboards discussion
- Dennis has a connection to a billboard on Lakewood Blvd across the street from Salt&Pepper.**
- Social Media show posting format
- Ivy will start pre-scheduling the standard show posts and then go from there with the second posts of the day.**

E. FINANCE ITEMS

- Year-end 2024 statements
- YTD 2025 statements

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- New FotMF Board Members
- Dennis Nivinson and Chuck Dickerson are taking over for Terry Stevens and Andy Cawthon**

8. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – April 9, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

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