



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

**MINUTES FOR
MUSICAL FOUNTAIN
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**CITY HALL
519 WASHINGTON AVE**

**WEDNESDAY, May 14, 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

Brandon Nearanz

Dennis Nivison

Jane Riddle

Sarah Kallio

Nicki Bonzyk

Brian Jarosz (City Liason)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve – Ivy DeWitt

Seconded – Jane Riddle

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 APRIL 23, 2025

Motion to approve – Brandon Nearanz

Seconded -Ivy DeWitt

Passes unanimously

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. MAINTENANCE ITEMS

- Thursday crew – pump #3 completed and valve rebuilding ongoing

- **Discussion about the Peacock being faster and taller due to pump rebuild.**
- Status update on new lighting
 - **Discussion about being able to split the colors within the fixture which will result in some new capability for the choreographers.**
- Status update on software modifications
 - **The software isn't capable of adding new colors right now. We will need to update the playback software in order to add new colors.**
 - **The benefits are to enhance the experience for the audience and to simplify the programming process for the choreographers.**
 - **Discussion about Coast Guard Festival cofounding the improvements to the software since it will also help support the fireworks for Coast Guard Festival**
 - **Discussion about fundraising for the software improvements.**

MOTION – Dennis Nivison – Motion to set aside a \$2,000 pool of funding for Apex to make improvements in the choreography and playback software in a block of time format.

Second – Nicki Bonczyk

Passed unanimously

- City Items
 - Crack seal the asphalt
 - Entry road scraping/leveling
 - Tree trimming on sides, evergreen in center
 - Replace the Anchor House roof
 - Replace the Anchor pole boot

B. TASK FORCE ITEMS

- Volunteer Day went well – good turnout!

C. PRODUCTION ITEMS

- Song Testing update

The production team has already gone through two nights of testing. Nicki is excited about the new variety of music. The website has been updated. Discussion about opening night, social media posts, and the new music in testing. Discussion about breaking out some of the single .wav shows being converted to individual song files, which means we can bring back some of the songs with more stringent licensing requirements.

- Songs for Review – Pride Festival usage

1. Pink Pony Club (Edited) – Chappell Roan

Motion to approve the edited version of Pink Pony Club – Nicki Bonczyk

Second – Jane Riddle

Passed unanimously

Discussion – “God, what have I done” has been edited to replace “God” so that the audience doesn’t take it out of context.

2. Supermodel – RuPaul

Motion to approve Supermodel by RuPaul – Nicki Bonczyk

Second – Sarah Kallio

Passed unanimously

- 2025 Show Ideas discussion – continued

- **We will continue to evolve the shows at the choreographers continue to program through the season.**

D. MARKETING ITEMS

- Fundraising activities ideas

- **Discussion around tariffs and when we place the order. Discussion around the optics around a fundraiser right now. Discussion around the hit on expenses.**

Motion to move forward on purchasing lights with a fundraising plan to review at our next meeting for implementation in mid-June – Sarah Kallio

Second – Jane Riddle

Passed unanimously

- New lighting fundraiser

- “A Brighter Future”??
- Start date??

- Free billboard content update

E. FINANCE ITEMS

- April 2025 statements

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Meeting with Tracy Riley – Executive Director of the Coast Guard Festival

8. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING DATE – June 11, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT