

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

Parks and Recreation Board

**Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2022**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on April 13, 2022 at 6.01 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room.

Roll Call: Tonya Christiansen, Chair
 Robert Bell, Co-Chair
 Lynn Groothuis
 Jim DeVries

Absent: Rich Dawkins

Also Present: Matt Wade, Streets & Utilities Manager and Board Liaison, Todd Brand, Facilities & Grounds Manager, Char Ociaso-Seise, Community Affairs Manager, and Jemal Steward, of West Michigan In-House DJ.

Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2022 meeting:

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve the P&R Board Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2022.

New Business

22-28 A informational discussion on park/event applications and the process of approvals by Char Ociaso-Seise, Community Affairs Manager.

Many applicants are currently in the middle of their event planning. Council has established that events will continue to be approved in the same manor they have in the past. The majority of event applications are nonprofit. Council and staff are in the process of changing the event fee structure and waving of fees in the future.

22-29 A vote to select a new dog park sign for the East End Dog Park.

A motion was made by Groothuis and seconded by Bell to approve the 30x30 inch sign with an age change from 10 to 16.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-30 A discussion regarding a potential location for a monarch butterfly garden located within a City park.

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by Groothuis to approve a 12x12 foot butterfly garden at the East End Park #1 Location, and apply for a grant through the Community Foundation for a future butterfly garden.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-31 Special Event – Sounds of Summer Concert Series

Request Made by: Eric Kaelin
Type of Event: Free Summer Concert Series
Location: Bolt Park
Date(s) of Event: Tuesday, June 21 – August 2, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Attendee Count: 1,000
Notes

A motion was made by Bell and seconded by DeVries to approve special event, Sounds of Summer Concert Series, held at Bolt Park, Tuesdays, June 21 – August 2, 2022.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-32 Special Event – (Recurring) Battle on the Boardwalk

Request Made by: Jim VanTol
Type of Event: Outdoor Volleyball
Location: Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: August 25 – August 27, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 7:00am to 7:00pm
Attendee Count: 1,500
Notes

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve the event, Battle on the Boardwalk, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, August 25 through August 27, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

22-33 Special Event – (Recurring) Praise by the Pier/with changes

Request Made by: Chris Hansen
Type of Event: Summer Concert Series

Location: Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: Sunday, June 19 – August 28, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Attendee Count: 500 – 1,200
Notes Some of the Board members feel that the fee waiver is excessive along with the request for additional parking spots.

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve the event, Praise by the Pier/with changes, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, Sunday, June 19 through August 28, 2022.

Motion was approve 3-1

22-34 Special Event – Free Friday Night Summer Concert Series

Request Made by: Courtyard Concerts
Type of Event: Concerts
Location: Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: June 17 & 24, July 8, 15 & 22, August 12, 19, 26, and September 2, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 6:15pm to 9:30pm
Attendee Count: 2,000 +/-
Notes

A motion was made by Groothuis, and Seconded by Bell to approve special event, Free Friday Night Summer Concert Series, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, June 17 & 24, July 8, 15 & 22, August 12, 19, 26, and September 2, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

22-35 Special Event – (Recurring) Feast of the Strawberry Moon/with changes

Request Made by: West Michigan Historical Alliance
Type of Event: 1700's Living History
Location: Harbor Island
Date(s) of Event: June 1 – 13, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 8:00am to 5:00pm
Attendee Count: 800 Daily
Notes

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Feast of the Strawberry Moon/with Changes, held on Harbor Island, June 1 – 13, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

22-36 Special Event – NEW – Digitally Visual Music Entertainment

Request Made by: Jamal Steward
Type of Event: Community Entertainment
Location: Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: May 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 9, 23, 30 August 13, 20, 27, September 9, 10
Time Frame: Event: 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Attendee Count: N/A
Notes Jamal has been the DJ for Soccer in the Sand for the last 11 years. He would like to donate his time and services to the public. Themed music, teach different types of dances. The donations for the free giveaways will be provided by local businesses. Board members agree that park and event fees should be enforced in this case.

A motion was made by DeVries, and seconded by Bell to approve the special event, Digitally Visual Music Entertainment, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, including all park rental and event fees.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-37 Special Event – (Recurring) Waterfront Walk for Hospice

Request Made by: Kim Holton
Type of Event: Fundraising Walk
Location: Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium
Date(s) of Event: Saturday, May 7, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 12:00pm to 6:00pm
Attendee Count: 200+
Notes

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve the special event, Waterfront Walk for Hospice, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, Saturday, May 7, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

Jim

22-38 Special Event – (Recurring) Pedro's Pig Roast/with changes

Request Made by: Peter Stalzer
Type of Event: Fundraiser
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: Saturday, August 20, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 7:00am to 7:00pm

Attendee Count: 175

Notes

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to **not** approve special event, Pedro's Pig Roast/with changes, at the Grand Haven City Beach, Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

22-39 Special Event – (Recurring) Tuesdays in the Park

Request Made by: WGHN Radio

Type of Event: Free Live Music

Location: Grand Haven Central Park

Date(s) of Event: Tuesdays, June 14 – August 16, 2022

Time Frame: Event: 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Attendee Count: 500

Notes

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve special event, Tuesdays in the Park, at Grand Haven Central Park, on Tuesdays, June 14 – August 16, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

22-40 Special Event – Rodriguez Wedding

Request Made by: Andres Rodriguez

Type of Event: Wedding

Location: Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium

Date(s) of Event: Friday, May 20, 2022

Time Frame: Event: 5:00pm to 5:30pm

Attendee Count: 50

A motion was made by Bell, and seconded by Groothuis to approve special event, Rodriguez Wedding, held at the Lynne Sherwood Waterfront Stadium, Friday, May 20, 2022.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-41 Special Event – Rito-Bierkamp Wedding

Request Made by: My Barefoot Wedding

Type of Event: Wedding

Location: Grand Haven City Beach

Date(s) of Event: Thursday, July 7, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 6:00pm to 6:30pm
Attendee Count: 20

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Rito-Bierkamp Wedding held at the Grand Haven City Beach, Thursday, July 7, 2022.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-42 Special Event – Palmer-Zabonick Wedding

Request Made by: My Barefoot Wedding
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: Thursday, July 28, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 6:00pm to 6:30pm
Attendee Count: 4

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Palmer-Zabonick Wedding held at the Grand Haven City Beach, Thursday, July 28, 2022.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-43 Special Event – Woznak-Turner Wedding

Request Made by: My Barefoot Wedding
Type of Event: Wedding
Location: Grand Haven City Beach
Date(s) of Event: Saturday July 30, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 6:00pm to 6:30pm
Attendee Count: 40

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Woznak-Turner Wedding held at the Grand Haven City Beach, Saturday, July 30, 2022.

Motion was approved 4-0

22-44 Special Event – New – East End Party

Request Made by: Ryan Vredeveld
Type of Event: Open House
Location: East End Park
Date(s) of Event: Thursday July 14, 2022
Time Frame: Event: 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Attendee Count: 100

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, East End Party, held at East End Park, Thursday, July 14, 2022.

Motion was approved 3-1

22-45 Special Event – Lakeshore Pickleball Academy

Request Made by: Jaron Faltinowski

Type of Event: Pickleball Instruction

Location: Mulligans Hollow Pickleball Courts (courts 4,5 &6)

Date(s) of Event: Every Wednesday Starting the 2nd Week in May.

Time Frame: Event: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

Attendee Count: 32

A motion was made by Groothuis, and seconded by Bell to approve special event, Lakeshore Pickleball Academy, held at the Mulligans Hollow Pickleball Courts every Wednesday starting the 2nd week in May, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

Motion was approve 3-1

General Business

- City staff update on the Dog Park camera installation and bench installation. Dog park bench located in the park.

Adjournment

It was moved by Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm.