



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Fernandes, Johnson, Linihan, O'Rourke

ABSENT: Dufresne

OTHERS PRESENT: HR Director Sears, DPW Superintendent Ladd

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES:

Chairman Johnson requested a moment of silence for the passing of a commission member.

****A moment of silence was observed in memory of Commission Member Bob Robertson****

Commission Member O'Rourke said he would like to add discussion on the invocation for the 2026 Tree Lighting ceremony.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 08-01-26 APPROVAL OF THE JULY 13, 2026, PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Fernandes, seconded by O'Rourke, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the July 13, 2026, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Jim Stevenson said he is part of the Walled Lake Masons and has been working on cleaning up headstones in the Walled Lake Cemetery. Mr. Stevenson said, so far, he has raised up 10 stones that were sinking and cleaned about 25 stones. Mr. Stevenson said he also fixed a veteran's stone that was broken into 3 pieces. Mr. Stevenson said he has spent about \$230 so far and has the receipts for everything he has purchased. Mr. Stevenson said he expects to spend about \$150 more. Mr. Stevenson thanked Mr. Ladd for the pea gravel that he dropped off at the cemetery that was utilized to raise up the stones.

Commission Member Fernandes asked if we had money in the budget to reimburse Mr. Stevenson.

DPW Superintendent Ladd said he wasn't sure off the top of his head but could check and get back to her.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Banks Dolbeer Foster Farmhouse Sign

Commission Member Linihan said this topic was brought up at the last meeting and after the meeting Ms. Dufresne emailed an old photo of the sign that was taken down to Mrs. Sears. Mr. Linihan said that photo was forwarded to the commission members by Mrs. Sears. Mr. Linihan asked the commission if they had any suggestions or feedback.

Commission member Arnold said she used AI to mockup a draft sign for the Banks house. Mrs. Arnold said we don't have to use the exact design but could use it to get started. Mrs. Arnold asked if the commission would like her to email the draft to them.

The commission members agreed they would like to see what Mrs. Arnold has come up with.

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Park Walk-Through

None of the commission members had anything to add to this topic this month.

2. Market Place Update

Recording Secretary Sears said the kid's festival on July 15th was a success. Mrs. Sears said the weather was beautiful and participation was excellent. Mrs. Sears said there are 12 weeks left of the market. Mrs. Sears said the back-to-school event is August 19th. Mrs. Sears said Oakland County Parks will be bringing Go! Games back again, there will be free custard hut ice cream provided by State Farm, Home Depot will have free take home kits for kids, the library will be doing another scavenger hunt, and Rich Rustad will be performing from 11am-1pm.

3. Summer Concert Update

Recording Secretary Sears said the final summer concert is this Wednesday, August 12th. Mrs. Sears said this concert will be held next door at the Casey J. Ambrose Public Safety Campus. Mrs. Sears said the band that will be performing is The Beach Katz. Ms. Sears said the yard signs are out and posts have been published on our social media accounts.

Chairman Johnson said he was able to attend most of the concerts and heard positive feedback from attendees. Mr. Johnson said he feels keeping some of the old bands and

bringing in the new bands made attendees happy. Mr. Johnson said even though it was his idea to host some of the concerts next-door at the Casey J. Ambrose Public Safety Campus, maybe we will reconsider how we do it next year. He said the attendance seems to be better at Hiram Sims Park.

The commission agreed and mentioned potentially making changes next year.

Discussion was made on recruiting food trucks for next year's concerts.

4. 2026 Tree Lighting – Invocation

Commission Member O'Rourke asked if Pastor Alexandria Miller from the Walled Lake United Methodist Church could perform the invocation at the 2026 tree lighting ceremony.

Recording Secretary Sears said a pastor has not been selected yet and if the commission is ok with it, then yes. Mrs. Sears asked Mr. O'Rourke to have Pastor Alexandria Miller reach out to her.

P&R 08-02-26 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Miranda Sears
Recording Secretary

Patrick Linihan
Vice Chairman