



**CITY OF WALLED LAKE
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026**

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL: Arnold, Dufresne, Fernandes, Johnson, Linihan, Robertson

ABSENT: O'Rourke

OTHERS PRESENT: HR Director Sears, DPW Superintendent Ladd, Council Member Ambrose

Commission Member Johnson said he would like to ask for a motion to excuse Chairman O'Rourke from tonight's meeting. Mr. Johnson said Mr. O'Rourke sent an email letting us know he would not be in attendance tonight.

**P&R 02-01-26 MOTION TO EXCUSE CHAIRMAN O'ROURKE FROM
TONIGHT'S MEETING**

Motion by Linihan, seconded by Fernandes, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To excuse Chairman O'Rourke from tonight's meeting.

Commission Member Johnson said he would like to introduce Ms. Ruth Dufresne, she is the newest member of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mr. Johnson thanked Ms. Dufresne for her interest in joining the commission and they are happy to have her.

REQUESTS FOR AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**P&R 02-02-26 APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2026, PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by Linihan, seconded by Robertson, CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: To approve the January 12, 2026, Parks and Recreation meeting minutes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

DISCUSSION:

1. Spring Egg Hunt

Recording Secretary Sears said the 2026 Spring Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th from 11 am – 1 pm. Mrs. Sears said the commission should decide on a date for stuffing the eggs prior to the event. Mrs. Sears said in the past, it's been done on a Saturday morning. Mrs. Sears said if the commission decides to do it on a Saturday, keep in mind the city hosts budget meetings around that time frame. Mrs. Sears suggested March 14th.

Commission Member Dufresne said she would be available in the morning on Saturday, March 14th.

Commission Member Robertson, Linihan, and Fernandes said they are available to do it on the 14th of March.

Commission Member Johnson said we have plenty of time to decide on a date and that the commission can decide over email later.

Recording Secretary Sears said we will need someone to be the easter bunny this year. Mrs. Sears said the individual who has done it in the past is not available this year.

Commission Member Linihan volunteered to be the bunny this year if no one else comes forward.

2. Summer Concert Series

Commission Member Johnson said he got the email from Mrs. Sears with the bands that are interested but said there were only band names and no videos included. Mr. Johnson said how are we supposed to choose bands without any information on them.

Commission Member Linihan said there was more information than just the band names.

Commission Member Dufresne said she got the information and listened to the bands provided.

Recording secretary Sears said that the document provided, had the band's name, their websites, and links to their social media accounts.

Commission Member Johnson said he would go home and take another look at the information provided. Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Fernandes' opinion on the interested bands.

Commission Member Fernandes said she would leave the decision up to the experts.

Commission Member Johnson stated there are 4 dates to fill, correct?

Recording Secretary Sears said there are 7 dates and none are currently filled.

Commission Member Johnson asked if any other bands have reached out since the list was sent.

Recording Secretary Sears said no, the list provided is current.

Commission Member Johnson said he knows of a band that will be a good fit and will reach out to them to see if they are interested. Mr. Johnson said one of the band members use to perform as a one-man band at the Restaurant, Bahama Breeze.

Commission Member Linihan said he listened to a band at the Walled Lake Tavern over the weekend and thinks they would be a good fit. Mr. Linihan said he would get in contact with them and see if they were interested.

3. Market Place

Recording Secretary Sears said that the 2026 Market Place Application is available at City Hall and on the City's Website at walledlake.com. Mrs. Sears said in addition, the application was emailed out to past vendors. Ms. Sears reminded the commission that opening day is May 6th and the city has already received a few vendor applications. Mrs. Sears said that she applied to the Oakland County Recreation Assistance Partnership Program. Mrs. Sears said that she should hear back from the county mid-February. Mrs. Sears said she applied for a variety of bounce houses and outdoor yard games for a few of the event days at our Market Place.

Commission Member Fernandes suggested checking out the MSU Farmers Market Association and that she would email over a link.

4. Memorial Day Parade

Recording Secretary Sears said that the 2026 Memorial Day Parade Application is available at City Hall and on the City's Website at walledlake.com. Mrs. Sears said she would be sending out an email this week to past participants with the application attached.

Commission Member Johnson asked if the Grand Marshal has been chosen yet for this year's parade.

Recording Secretary Sears said no, a decision has not been made.

Commission Member Johnson asked if the parade route is going to be the same as past years.

Recording Secretary Sears said yes, the plan is to keep the route the same. Mrs. Sears said from a public works and public safety standpoint this is the safest and most efficient route for all those involved.

5. Yoga in the Park – PureFit Pilates & Yoga

Kelly Sharp and Emily Kasal introduced themselves and said they are from PureFit Pilates and Yoga. Ms. Sharp said they have been operating in the city for 13 years, practicing out of the Walled Lake Methodist Church.

Ms. Kasal explained PureFit Pilates and Yoga offer affordable classes for all ages and partners with the Lakes Area Youth Assistance, Hospitality House, and the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. Emily said she would like to build a relationship with the city and the Parks & Recreation Commission. Ms. Kasal said they would like to host some classes this summer in city parks such as Sims Park, Riley Park, and the lot across from Mercer beach.

Commission Member Linihan asked how people can find their business and if they are seeking some kind of revenue sharing from the city.

Ms. Sharp explained that they do have a website and Facebook page. Ms. Sharp said a majority of their clients are Walled Lake, Novi, and Commerce residents. Ms. Sharp said they do not do a ton of advertising, it's more so word of mouth. Ms. Sharp said they are just looking to utilize the parks as a space to host classes, they are not asking for any revenue from the city.

Commission Member Fernandes recommended reaching out to administration with a schedule to make sure their classes don't interfere with any scheduled city events.

P&R 02-03-26 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Miranda Sears
Recording Secretary

Giovanni Johnson
Commission Member