

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

**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2019**

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting was called to order on March 6, 2019 at 6:02 p.m. in the Grand Haven City Hall Conference Room.

**Present:** Tami Harvey-Chair  
Tonya Christiansen, Co-Chair  
Nicolette Nees  
Don Spry  
Rich Dawkins

**Absent:**

**Also Present:** Derek Gajdos, DPW Director and Board liaison and Mike Fritz, Mayor Pro-tem.

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Christiansen and seconded by Nees to approve the P&R Board meeting minutes from February 6, 2019.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**New Business**

**19-09 Special Event - Dancing on the Grand**  
**Request Made by:** Lou Draeger, Tri-Cities Historical Museum  
**Type of Event:** Dancing and Listening to Live Music  
**Location:** Waterfront Stadium  
**Date(s) of Event:** 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 8/7, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28/19  
**Time Frame:** 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm  
**Attendee Count:** 200  
**Notes:** Setup Time is 5:00 pm, Event 7:00-9:00 pm, Clean Up & Out by 9:30 pm

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Dawkins to approve special event Dancing on the Grand at the Waterfront Stadium on the dates requested from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-10 Special Event – Worship on the Waterfront**

**Request Made by:** Kathy Bobeldyke of First Reformed Church

**Type of Event:** Community Spirit and Outreach

**Location:** Waterfront Stadium

**Date(s) of Event:** 6/23, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21, 7/28, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25/19

**Time Frame:** 2:00 pm to 9:30 pm

**Attendee Count:** 1800

**Notes:** Setup Time begins at 2:00 pm, Event 7-8:30 pm, Clean Up & Out by 9:30 pm

A motion was made by **Nees** and seconded by **Dawkins** to approve special event Worship on the Waterfront at the Waterfront Stadium on the dates requested from 2:00 pm to 9:30 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-11 Lemon-Jordan Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Deb Jordan

**Type of Event:** Wedding

**Location:** City Beach

**Date(s) of Event:** September 7, 2019

**Time Frame:** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Attendee Count:** 60

**Notes:** Setup Time is 5:30 pm, Event at 6:30 pm, Done by 7:30 pm

A motion was made by **Christiansen** and seconded by **Dawkins** to approve the wedding on City Beach on September 7, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-12 Flag Day**

**Request Made by:** Mike Lankes, GH Elks

**Type of Event:** Ceremony

**Location:** Waterfront Stadium

**Date(s) of Event:** June 14, 2019

**Time Frame:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Attendee Count:** 50-75

**Notes:** Setup Time is 5:00 pm, Event at 7:00 pm, Done by 8:00 pm

A motion was made by **Nees** and seconded by **Spry** to approve the event Flag Day at Waterfront Stadium on June 14, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-13 Special Event – Easter Egg Hunt**

**Request Made by:** Paula DeYoung, Coldwell Banker Woodland Schmidt

**Type of Event:** Holiday Community Event

**Location:** Central Park

**Date(s) of Event:** April 20, 2019

**Time Frame:** 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Attendee Count:** 3000

**Notes:** Setup time is 9:00 am, Event 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Clean Up & Out by 12:30 pm

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Nees to approve special event Easter Egg Hunt in Central Park on April 20, 2019 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-14 Sand Sculpture Contest**

**Request Made by:** Mary Sherman, The Chamber

**Type of Event:** Community Contest

**Location:** City Beach

**Date(s) of Event:** August 10, 2019

**Time Frame:** 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Attendee Count:** 500+

**Notes:** Setup Time is 8:00 am, Event at 9:00 am, Clean Up & Out by 2:00 pm

A motion was made by Nees and seconded by Christiansen to approve the event Sand Sculpture Contest on City Beach on August 10, 2019 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-15 Powell-Bush Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Jerry & Elizabeth Powell

**Type of Event:** Wedding

**Location:** City Beach

**Date(s) of Event:** July 3, 2019

**Time Frame:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Attendee Count:** 50

**Notes:** Setup Time is 5:00 pm, Event at 7:00 pm, Done by 8:00 pm

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Nees to approve the wedding on City Beach on July 3, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-16 Fast-Jager Wedding**

**Request Made by:** Joelle Fast and David Jager

**Type of Event:** Wedding

**Location:** City Beach

**Date(s) of Event:** July 20, 2019

**Time Frame:** 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Attendee Count:** up to 40

**Notes:** Setup Time is 3:30 pm, Event at 7:30 pm, Done by 5:30 pm

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Christiansen to approve the wedding on City Beach on July 20, 2019 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-17 Battle on the Boardwalk**

**Request Made by:** Jim VanTol, GHHS Volleyball

**Type of Event:** Volleyball matches on sport court

**Location:** Waterfront Stadium

**Date(s) of Event:** August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Rain Date: August 31, 2019

**Time Frame:** Setup Time 7:00 am , Event 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

**Attendee Count:** 2,500

**Notes:** Requestor indicates Food Vendor but has not picked a vendor, TBD.

A motion was made by Nees and seconded by Spry to approve the event at the stadium with staff approving the food vendor which complies to all City, County and State regulations.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

**19-18 World Book Day**

**Request Made by:** Natalie Fedewa, Brilliance Publishing

**Type of Event:** Book Giveaway

**Location:** Central Park

**Date(s) of Event:** April 28, 2019

**Time Frame:** 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Attendee Count:** 1,000

**Notes:** Setup at 8:00 am, Event 12:00 – 5:00 pm, Clean Up & Out by 5:00 pm

A motion was made by Spry and seconded by Nees to approve the event World Book Day at Central Park on April 28, 2019 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**The Motion was Approved 5 - 0**

## **General Business**

Riverwatch Shade Structure Proposal: Discussion was held regarding a proposed shade structure in Bicentennial Park (see attached memo from City Manager, Pat McGinnis). Discussions centered around the need, sight obstructions to the channel and musical fountain as well as potential reduction of green space in the park.

A motion from **Dawkins** and second by **Christiansen** to keep all unobstructed views and maintain all greenspace in any proposed project along Bicentennial park.

### **The Motion was Approved 4 -1**

Member Christiansen stated that she was going to organize a one day clean up event at the off leash dog park. The Board discussed the need of a formal approval. All members agreed that no official approval was necessary and praised Christiansen in her efforts to clean up the park. It was requested by DPW Director Gajdos that Christiansen notify the Parks Department prior to the event.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by **Dawkins**, seconded by **Spry**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.