

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
CITY HALL, 310 GREENWOOD STREET  
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 26, 2023**

**I. Introductions of New Staff and Commissioners**

Introduction of a new City staff member, Rich Morrison, Community Development Director, and new Parks & Recreation Commissioners Casey McDonnell and Kirk Wilson.

**II. Election of Officers**

NOMINATION MADE FOR THE OFFICE OF CHAIR FOR COMMISSIONER JAQUETTE. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE. COMMISSIONER JAQUETTE WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF CHAIR.

NOMINATION MADE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE CHAIR FOR COMMISSIONER MARKS. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE. COMMISSIONER MARKS WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF VICE CHAIR.

NOMINATION MADE FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY FOR COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN. NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE MADE. COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN WAS ELECTED TO THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY.

**III. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Ruthann Jaquette	X	
Michael Krombeen	X	
Bruce Bright	X	
Dale Hoyes		X
Raechel Marks	X	
Casey McDonnell	X	
Amber Slocum	X	
Kirk Wilson	X	
Bill Barnes – Grand Ledge Public Schools		X
<b>OTHERS</b>		
Dave Logel, City Council Liaison	X	
Kurt Ristow, Public Works Superintendent	X	

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA FOR JANUARY 26, 2023. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**V. Approval of December 8, 2022, Minutes**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 8, 2022. MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BRIGHT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**VI. Public Comment**

None

**V. Staff Reports****A. Monthly Financial Statement**

Superintendent Ristow reported the monthly financial statement highlighted that we are on pace for spending given the time of year. We may see increased costs for mowing this summer and will know more when the bids are reviewed in early February.

MOTION TO RECEIVE THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS PRESENTED AND PLACE ON FILE MADE BY COMMISSIONER MARKS AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**B. Parks Update**

- a. Phase I of the Ball Field Development project bids came back approximately \$200,000 over initial cost estimates. City Council rejected all of the bids given the high bid amounts. The City is searching for other funds/grants for the project.
- b. The City should learn by next month if we were successful in the SPARK Grant application for ADA-focused improvements at Jaycee Park.
- c. We are still waiting to hear back from the Consumers Energy Foundation on the grant related to the wheelchair swing project.
- d. The Grand Ledge Area District Library would like to partner with the Commission on Earth Day 2023.

- e. The DDA is continuing progress on [Grand Renovation for Downtown Grand Ledge](#) that will include an extension to the deck at Riverfront Park, installation of permanent heated year-round restrooms, and potentially the addition of a kayak launch.
- f. Signs were installed nearing the dam along the Grand River warning paddlers of its location and the need to portage around it.

**C. Old Business**

- a. Rules for Parks & Recreation Commission

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RULES FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION AS THEY APPEARED IN THE PACKET MADE BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BRIGHT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**D. New Business**

- a. Earth Day 2023 – The Commission discussed having a special meeting prior to the regular February 2023 meeting to seek community input and partnerships for the event.

MOTION TO HOST EVENTS FOR EARTH DAY ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023, MADE BY COMMISSIONER KROMBEEN AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARKS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

**E. Public Comment**

Councilmember Dave Logel introduced himself to the new members of the Commission and offered himself as a resource to answer any questions related to the Commission, meeting, agenda items, and/or City Council.

**F. Commission Comments**

None.

**G. Adjournment:** 7:44 pm

Submitted by:

Commissioner Krombeen, Secretary

Commissioner Jacquette, Chair