

APPROVED

**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
June 11, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.
29995 W. TWELVE MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334**

CALLED TO ORDER BY: HALL 7:30pm

MEMBER'S PRESENT:

AMY HALL
LARRY WINKELMAN
STACEY DIEFENBACH
STEVE STIMSON
DAVE PRUETER

MEMBER'S ABSENT:

SYDNEY RUSHING
WENDI MICHAEL
STEVE LINVILLE
KRISHA PATEL, STUDENT LIAISON

OTHERS PRESENT:

JON ALDRED, COUNCIL LIAISON
PAUL ZACHOS
SHELLY & JUDY ST AMAND
EUGENE GORBONOSOV

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by: Steve Stimson
Second by: Larry Winkelman
Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion carried: Unanimously

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Motion by: Stacey Diefenbach
Second by: Dave Prueter
Yeas: All
Nays: None
Motion carried: Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Paul Zachos discussed making pickleball more popular and transparent. He offered ideas such as adding more courts at The Hawk, expanding programming, midnight pickleball, getting sponsors and exploring apps. He also displayed pickleball equipment.
- Commissioner Prueter asked about Oakland County and other regional courts
- Commissioner Winkleman requested the City's current revenue status from pickleball programming and court rentals
- Discussed status of windscreens, shade structure, and wall

CORRESPONDENCE

- WGDP vandalism reported by a citizen
- Comments about Pride month activities
- Great Farmington Hills Campout email from resident mother of a 2-yearold who loved the event
- Upcoming shows include the DSO June 13 and a special event for Juneteenth
- Detroit Youth Choir also returning June 22 and 23
- Hawk Kick-off to Summer event Wednesday, June 12 at 5pm
- FREE Summer Concert Series starts this week Thursday, June 13 at Heritage Park
- SR Messenger June Newsletter with lots of activities for the 50 & Better Crowd

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Dogs in Parks – pilot program at Pioneer Park
- Department Updates
 - Over 5,776 campers registered for camps starting next week!
 - Rouge River Day had over 100 volunteers
 - AOG went great with 10 of 1000's in attendance
 - Campout – great feedback and sold out.
 - Veterans Resource Fair – May 23, 9am-Noon at Costick
 - Over 500
 - Golf Course is ahead of last year thru May 15
 - 2024 13,549 rounds
 - 2023 11,976 rounds
 - Wonka Jr YT
 - 3,399 viewed the show
 - \$47,825
 - 2024-25 Live @ The Hawk Season announced
 - Now hiring!!
 - Spicer Roof being replaced

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- **Chair - Larry Winkelman**
- **Vice Chair - Stacey Diefenbach**
- **Secretary – Sydney Rushing**

Motion by: Steve Stimpson

Second by: Dave Prueter

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion carried: Unanimously

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Diefenbach – Woodland Hills, Nature Center Field Trip, Camp Wings, and Inclusive Programming
- Hall – Plans for bike routes/lanes
- Winkleman – New city/park signs, can they be dimmed at night

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by: Amy Hall

Second by: Larry Winkelman

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion carried: Unanimously

Next Meeting is September 10, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Ellen Schnackel, Director