

# PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR HYBRID MEETING MINUTES November 7, 2024

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Parks & Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair Struck at 5:01 pm.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Peter Struck, Vice Chair Paul Burstein, and Commissioners Jodi McCarthy, Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Ashley Hay, and Sara Marxen were present for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

City Council Liaison Craig Reynolds was absent.

City Manager Jessi Bon, Management Analyst II Carson Hornsby, Recreation Manager Ryan Daly, Parks Operations Manager Sam Harb, Chief of Operations Jason Kintner, Deputy Public Works Director Alaine Sommargren, Community Planning & Development Deputy Director Alison Van Gorp, Recreation Supervisor Katie Herzog, and Recreation Specialist Raven Gillis were present.

#### **APPEARANCES**

Sue Stewart, Mercer Island, addressed the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the P-Patch Benci Franklin, Mercer Island, addressed the Parks & Recreation Commission regarding the P-Patch

#### STAFF LIAISON REPORT

- 1. Recreation Manager Ryan Daly reported on the following items:
  - Project Updates:
    - Clark & Groveland Beach Joint Planning Process
    - LBP Pickleball Courts
    - Playground Replacements
    - Mercerdale Playground Repairs
  - Good News: Halloween Roundup
  - Programs and Special Events: Illuminate MI Is Back!
  - Planning Schedule

#### SPECIAL BUSINESS

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the October 8, 2024 Special Meeting were presented.

It was moved by McCarthy; seconded by Marxen to:

Approve the minutes from the October 8, 2024 Special Meeting

Passed: 7 - 0

## 3. PRC 24-13: Parks Zone Development Discussion

City Manager Jessi Bon presented and led the Commissioners in discussion. Commissioners engaged in discussion and idea sharing on the draft Parks Zone purpose, designation requirements, uses permitted, definitions, and on the Parks Zone development standards.

# Recess from 7:03pm to 7:14pm

# 4. PRC 24-14: P-Patch Program Operational Update

Recreation Manager Ryan Daly presented. Commissioners engaged in discussion and asked questions.

# **OTHER BUSINESS**

# 5. Absences and Commissioner Reports

No absences reported

Commissioner Burstein acknowledged and commended the parks maintenance team's diligent efforts in meeting the demands of the season.

Commissioner Cohen reported that, during a visit to Groveland Beach Park, he discovered a set of switchback steps leading up from the playground, which provide an easier ascent of the hill.

## **ADJOURNMENT at 8:41 PM**