

**APPROVED**

**MEETING MINUTES  
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 13, 2024 – 7:30 P.M.  
29995 W. TWELVE MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334**

**MEMBER’S PRESENT:**

AMY HALL  
LARRY WINKELMAN  
STACEY DIEFENBACH  
DAVE PRUETER  
WENDI MICHAEL  
STEVE LINVILLE

**MEMBER’S ABSENT:**

SYDNEY RUSHING  
STEVE STIMSON  
JON ALDRED, COUNCIL LIAISON

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

THERESA RICH, MAYOR  
PAUL ZACHOS  
BRYAN FARMER, STAFF LIAISON  
KRISHA PATEL, STUDENT LIAISON

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 9, 2024 MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by: Larry Winkelman  
Second by: Stacey Diefenbach  
Yeas: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried: Unanimously

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Paul Zachos

- Pickleball growing and technology continues to improve.

- Would like to see more courts be built at The Hawk. Indoor/sheltered courts would be preferred.
- Looking forward to a practice pickleball wall at pickleball courts, shade and windscreens.

Mayor Theresa Rich

- Parks are great. Mentioned location to check out for a future style design idea – Innovation Hills in Rochester Hills (Merry-go-round zero entry feature); pod for kids; turf hill to slide down on (kids use cardboard to slide down on); park benches with solar; entry way to park; ...
- Walk at The Hawk with Mayor
- Coffee hours on Saturdays
- Lots of weddings – donating to Mayor’s Youth Council
- Vow renewal event on February 14
- NFL Draft Event – Visit Detroit partnership
- Project on 14 Mile and Orchard Lake update – public art
- Symposium type event in September being put together for people with loneliness, mental illness, need of connections. Working with various boards and commissions.
- Would like to see a Pollinator Park in Memorial Park
- Deer issue needs to be addressed – speaker attending Southeast Council of Mayors on March 20, 2024
- Police study being done by consultant

Questions for Mayor:

1. What is happening with Costick? (Asked by Prueter)
  - SFC coming to Council again. Things have changed since last time they visited. Some funding may exist for building structures with solar, etc.
  - Maintenance is needed on Costick building.
  - 84,000 residents now in Farmington Hills with new developments occurring in the City.
2. What about an increase in parks millage? (Asked by Winkelman)
  - Part of options.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**See email to commission with items listed**

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Shared Annual Report

Election of Officers

Motion by: Larry Winkelman to defer election of officers to next meeting so everyone has time to think about their interest in a position.

Second by: Dave Prueter

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion carried: Unanimously

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

- Hall – Hip hop dance class is awesome on Sundays. Tried to renew annual family pass at The Hawk and it was difficult (employee was unsure how to complete at the end of the night).
- Diefenbach – shared ideas and information on adaptive programming happening.
- Prueter – shared the idea of Bocce Ball as a more popular sport, and something to look into.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by: Amy Hall

Second by: Larry Winkelman

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion carried: Unanimously

**Next Meeting is March 12, 2024**

**Meeting adjourned at 9 pm**

## **MINUTES PREPARED BY**

Bryan Farmer, Deputy Director