

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL

- I. CALL TO ORDER/TAKING OF ROLL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- III. COMMISSION MINUTES
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT
- V. STAFF REPORTS
 - a. Revenue/Expense Report and Balance Sheet
- VI. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Master Plan Public Survey Discussion with Spicer Group (60 minutes)
 - i. Review Draft Survey
 - ii. Plan Survey Launch
- VII. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Joint Planning Committee Membership
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT
- IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS
- X. ADJOURNMENT

**GRAND LEDGE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
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GRAND LEDGE, MI 48837
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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2016
City Hall, Council Chambers
310 Greenwood Street**

- I. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**
- II. Roll Call**
Commissioners Present - Chair David Smith, Vice-Chair Rachel Kuntzsch, Marvin Hummel, Chuck Mills, Christine Richardson-Beagle, Brody Boucher, and Raechel Marks.
Commissioners Absent – Ruthann Jaquette and Matthew Dale
Others Present – City Administrator Adam Smith, and City Council Member Rick Lantz
- III. Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Kuntzsch, seconded by Mills. Motion carried.
- IV. Approval of January 28, 2016 Minutes**
Moved by Kuntzsch, seconded by Mills

Summary under item **VI.A.** to be struck from the record. Motion carried as amended.
- V. Public Comment**
None
- VI. Staff Reports**
Revenue/Expense Report and Balance Sheet- Received

Motion to receive reports and place on file made by Kuntzsch, seconded by Mills, Motion carried.
- VII. Old Business**
a. Eaton County Parks Grounds Maintenance Update
Approved by City Council.

b. MDNR Trust Fund Application – Update
Property currently off the market.

VIII. New Business

a. Election of Commission Officers

Secretary; Christine Richardson-Beagle

Motion made by Kuntzsch, seconded by Boucher, Motion carried.

Vice Chair; Rachel Kuntzsch

Motion made by Boucher, seconded by Marks, Motion carried.

Chair; David Smith

Motion made by Kuntzsch, seconded by Mills, Motion carried.

b. FY17 Budget Recommendations to Council

MOTION

Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to Grand Ledge City Council to approve the FY17 Budget.

Motion made by Kuntzsch, seconded by Boucher, Motion carried.

IX. Public Comment

Oak Park neighbor had a discussion regarding fencing near the cliffs and a playground being erected by the cliffs. He was informed that there are no discussions or decisions being made at this time.

X. Commission Comments

None.

XI. Adjournment: 7:42 pm

Submitted by:

Christine Richardson-Beagle, Secretary

David Smith, Chair

Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Survey

Keys to Getting a Large Quantity of Responses

Tentative Launch Date – April 3

www.grandledgesurvey.com

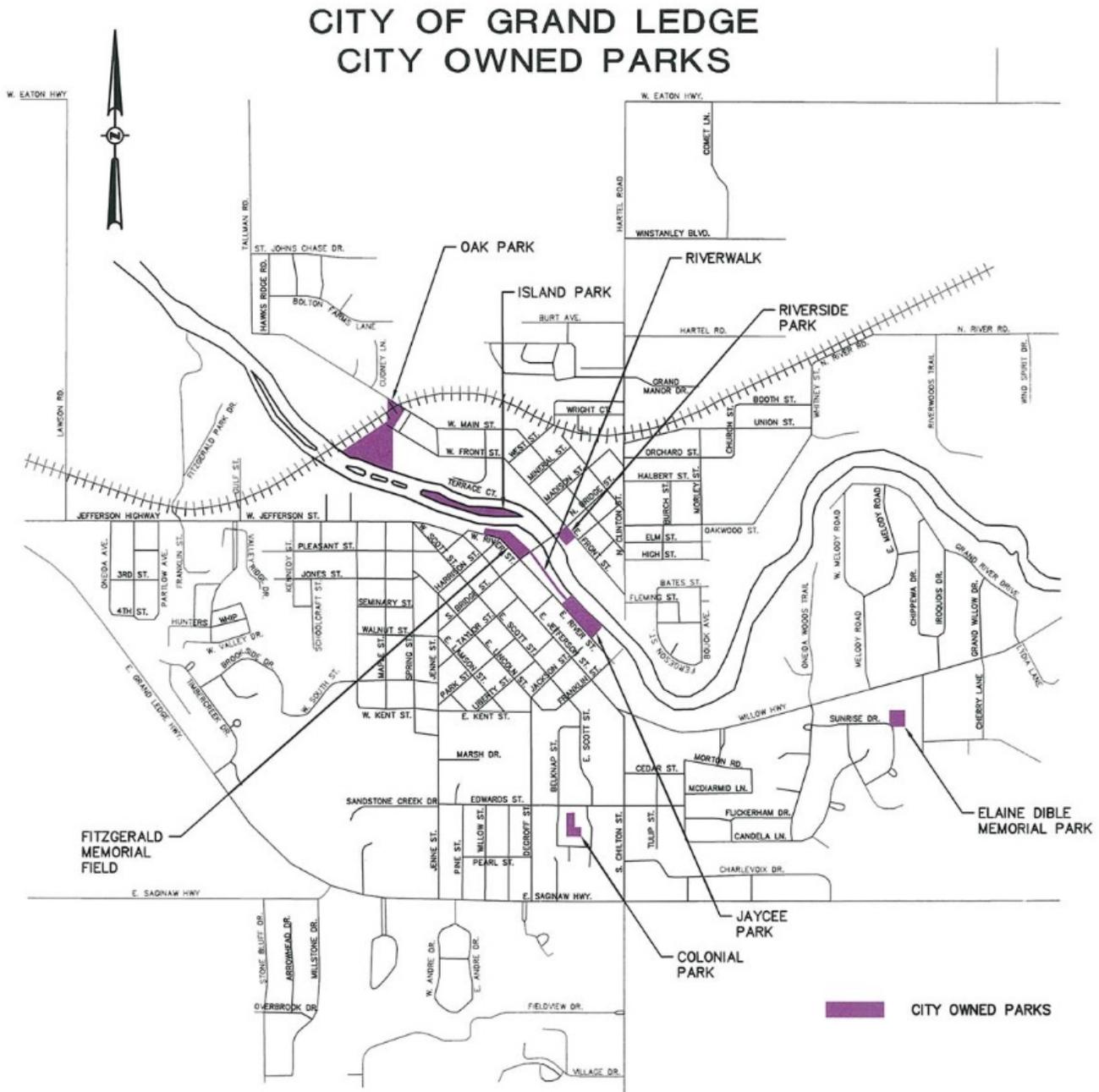
1. E-mail blasts – send a direct link – the BEST WAY! Do you have e-mail lists that you can start with? Team lists, contact lists, etc.
2. Notifications
 - On City website
 - Newspaper article
 - In tax bills or newsletters?
 - Posting in City Hall
 - Community fliers
 - Postcard handouts?
3. Social Media
 - Post link of survey on area Facebook sites – Schools, Police Department, etc.
 - Facebook advertisement (would reach over 9,000 people in the 48837 zip code)
4. Make sure all City officials, boards, and volunteers complete the survey
 - City Council
 - Planning Commission
 - Parks and Recreation Commission
5. iPad at special events for repeat use?
6. Strategic placement of a QR code that links to the online survey?
7. Other ideas?



Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation Master Plan

A Short Opinion Survey

The City of Grand Ledge is updating its Recreation Plan. We need your input regarding recreational facilities and programming in Grand Ledge. Please take a few moments to complete the following survey - it is brief and should take you about 5 minutes to complete. For your information, the City of Grand Ledge owns and operates 8 parks and open space facilities. See the map below.



Question 1 - Which City of Grand Ledge parks and recreational facilities have you visited in the past year? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Island Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Oak Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jaycee Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Elaine Dible Memorial Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riverwalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Colonial Park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fitzgerald Memorial Field | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverside Park |

Question 2 - Of the parks and facilities listed above, which have you visited the most?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Island Park | <input type="radio"/> Oak Park |
| <input type="radio"/> Jaycee Park | <input type="radio"/> Elaine Dible Memorial Park |
| <input type="radio"/> Riverwalk | <input type="radio"/> Colonial Park |
| <input type="radio"/> Fitzgerald Memorial Field | <input type="radio"/> Riverside Park |

Question 3 - Why do you visit Grand Ledge's parks and recreational facilities? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Picnics / grilling / barbecuing with friends or family | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in organized sports or activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature enjoyment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watching team sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Health and fitness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter rental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Running or jogging | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing or kayaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> River tubing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in annual events | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

Question 4 - Please provide your opinion regarding the following aspects of Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation.

	Very Good	Good	OK	Poor	Don't know
Park Maintenance/Appearance	<input type="radio"/>				
Variety of Amenities/Facilities	<input type="radio"/>				
Safety	<input type="radio"/>				
Quality of Programs	<input type="radio"/>				
Variety of Programs	<input type="radio"/>				

Question 5 - Please provide your opinion regarding these recreational statements.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Indifferent	Agree	Strongly Agree
It is important to enhance recreational opportunities on the Grand River.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to preserve and protect the Grand River and enhance the natural resources along the river.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to provide outdoor recreational facilities, athletic fields, and courts within the Grand Ledge park system.	<input type="radio"/>				
It is important to me that Grand Ledge parks have non-motorized pathways and trails.	<input type="radio"/>				
The preservation of natural areas and water resources in our community has a positive effect on the quality of my life.	<input type="radio"/>				

Question 6 - How would you prioritize the following activities for the City of Grand Ledge over the next five years?

	Top Priority	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Upgrade / add amenities to existing parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Maintain existing parks	<input type="radio"/>				
Improve the infrastructure of the park system	<input type="radio"/>				

Question 7 - What additional facilities or amenities would you like to see added to Grand Ledge's parks? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational pathways for walking, bicycling, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Splash pad / water play |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More public access to the Grand River | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice rink |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wooded natural areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accessible kayak or canoe launch | <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball/Soccer fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More Restrooms | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball Courts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More Open Space | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amphitheater | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify):
_____ |

Question 8 - If there is a person with a disability in your family, please indicate which of the following would make Grand Ledge parks more user friendly for you and your family member. (Please check all that apply.)

- No one with a disability in our family
- Flatter, easier grades
- Accessible playgrounds
- Accessible parking
- Accessible waterfront access
- Accessible restrooms
- Paved trails
- Accessible spectators' viewing areas
- Other (please specify): _____

Question 9 - What do you like best about parks and recreation in Grand Ledge?

Question 10 - What would you do to improve parks and recreation in Grand Ledge?

Question 11 - What new programs would you like Grand Ledge Parks and Recreation to offer?

Question 12 - Where do you live?

- Grand Ledge
- Within the Grand Ledge School district but outside of the City
- None of the above

Question 13 - How many years have you lived in the Grand Ledge area?

- Less than 1
- 1 to 4
- 5 to 10
- 11 to 19
- Over 20
- I don't live in the Grad Ledge area

Question 14 - What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-64
- 65 and Older