



MEETING MINUTES

GRAND RAPIDS COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION



Held: July 26, 2021

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The Council of The Village of Grand Rapids convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Old Fire Hall. Mayor John Berry called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Rick Tolles – Present
Carol Steck – Present
Rachel Smith – Present

Mark Sarkan - Present
Bob Krabill – Present
Jody Donsbach – Present

EMPLOYEES: Chad Hoffman and Kristel Beyer

VISITORS: None

MINUTES:

Donsbach made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2021.

BILLS:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Smith to approve the bills dated July 9 – July 22, 2021.

Votes were:

Donsbach – yes	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes
Krabill – yes	Steck – yes	Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

Zach Ellifritz with Day Spring Community Church first thanked Mr. Hoffman for the invitation to speak to Council. Last year we did a serve day in Bowling Green. This year we chose three communities North Baltimore, Pemberville and Grand Rapids. Some of the things we can do is landscaping, construction, or host a pop-up party. In Bowling Green, we partner with the Nest which help provide childcare for women who are going to school. We did things like painting and built shelves, cleaned and did landscaping. They are currently building a ramp for a member that has a wheel chair. In North Baltimore they are doing a pop-up party for children, to share the love of Jesus. There is no cost to the Village for this. He would love to hear from Council on how they can serve Grand Rapids. Zach stated with this serve day we would like to get our hands dirty or do some outreach such a paying for people's laundry or give out fuel cards for people to get gas. He would also like to spread the word for volunteers to help. Sarkan asked if they could provide a list of things that they have done in other communities. Zack stated they have done heavy trash removal, painting, installed new toilets and vanities. They plan on spending \$20,000 within the three communities. They have also helped out the Bowling Green Pregnancy Center by doing a deep clean. They will also do cleanup of parks and painting. They have started helping schools out. This will be a one day 3-4-hour event but they will not leave a job unfinished if it takes longer. They have also built trailers to give away to individuals. Mayor stated we can think

about some ideas and get in contact with Zach with our ideas. Krabill stated he would love to approve this. Administrator stated they are just looking for approval to start a serve day in Grand Rapids on August 21st. Tolles said he has an individual in mind. Zach stated we can get in contact with the individual to see if they would be willing. Alex Glassford stated he was thinking possibly helping the nursing home or swimming pool. His wife suggested paying admission to the pool. He also mentioned the old elementary playground could use some paint. These are a few things he thought of. Zach stated we would purchase the paint and get that done if this is what is wanted. Zach gave his contact information to Council.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Smith to allow Day Spring Church to come in for their serve day on August 21st from 10 am to 2 pm with the specific task to be provided by next Council meeting.

Votes Were: Sarkan – yes Smith – yes Krabill – yes
 Steck – yes Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Carol Sarkan and Amy Fitch have come to discuss a new idea called The Glow Roll. This would be for children and adults to decorate their bike and ride throughout town. It will start at Hock's Bike Shop at 9:15 pm. Carol stated David Fowler rode the route and it went well. They would like to get a police escort for this. Amy stated we got this idea from Sierra Cousino, when she lived in Toledo they did this and she wanted to bring it to Grand Rapids. Amy is hoping we can get support of the community as the biker's ride by so they will be greeted by the community. Krabill thinks this route will take 45 minutes and then it would be 10:00 pm with little kids, he feels it should start 30 minutes earlier. Carol stated she is open to any suggestions. Smith asked if there is a plan if you don't get a police escort. Carol stated no. Administrator stated if Council approves this he will contact the Sheriff's Department to get an escort. Carol Sarkan asked Council for a good start time, Council decided to meet at 8:15 pm take off at 8:30 pm. Steck asked if there was a rain date. No there is not a rain date planned.

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Krabill to approve the Grand Rapids Arts Council Glow Roll to be held August 16, 2021 beginning assembly at 8:15 pm and rolling out at 8:30 pm.

Votes were: Smith – yes Krabill – yes Steck – yes
 Tolles – yes Donsbach – yes Sarkan – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Carol also was here to discuss the dedication of the Mosaic Glass panels to honor Julie Pontash. They would like to reserve the Wright Pavilion and have a dedication along with having 5 to 6 Plein air painters along the tow path. Carol stated Plein Air painters will have easels and they will be painting throughout the dedication. We may use these art pieces to auction off at the Moon Gala. Steck asked if there is a rain date, they did not have one planned.

Krabill made a motion seconded by Steck to approve the application for use of public property by the Grand Rapids Arts Council for the dedication of the Mosaic Glass panels in the Wright Pavilion from 11 am to 5 pm on August 29, 2021.

Votes Were:	Krabill – yes	Steck – yes	Tolles – yes
	Donsbach – yes	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes

MOTION APPROVED

SHERIFF'S REPORT: NONE

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor received a couple calls about us mosquito spraying and he told them that we are trying to locate spray but it is not available. Administrator stated we can order it but may not receive it until next year. Sarkan stated we should probably order it so we have it for next year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

A 30 hp submersible pump has been taken out of the Bridge Street Lift Station and taken back to Gorman Rupp factory for repairs. He ordered a back up pump for the Bridge Street and Mill Street Station. Delivery time is 8 weeks. Planning Commission met on July 22nd and they approved the River Crossing Plat 1 with six deficiencies, which have to be completed and submitted back to the Planning Commission for final approval. We did receive our annual renewal for our NPDES permit the only changes is that there is a lot more testing that needs to be done. Toledo Elevator came and fixed the Town Hall elevator. We have been talking off and on for a couple of years about interconnecting water sources with Northwest Water & Sewer District. The EPA has been on us to find an alternate water source and this would take care of that. We can use our American Rescue Plan Funds for this as well as the back up pumps ordered.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: At the last meeting we discussed the American Rescue Plan Funding. We need to create a new fund for this grant money. The Resolution creating this fund is on the agenda. We will also need to amend our Official Certificate of Estimates Resources to include this funding. At the next meeting, I will be bringing a Resolution to amend our appropriations to be able to spend this grant money.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None

COMMITTEES: None

ORDINANCES:

Mayor Berry gave the first reading to Resolution 2021-07: Resolution Establishing an American Rescue Plan Fund in the accounts of the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach to declare Resolution 2021-07 an emergency and to waive the three readings.

Votes were:	Steck – yes	Tolles – yes	Donsbach – yes
	Sarkan – yes	Smith – yes	Krabill – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Smith made a motion seconded by Donsbach for passage of Resolution 2021-07: Resolution Establishing an American Rescue Plan Fund in the accounts of the Village of Grand Rapids, Ohio

Votes were: Tolles- yes Donsbach – yes Sarkan – yes
Smith – yes Krabill – yes Steck – yes

MOTION APPROVED

Donsbach made a motion seconded by Smith to amend our Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for Budget year 2021 to include the American Rescue Plan Funding total of \$52,585.03

Votes were: Donsbach – yes Sarkan – yes Smith – yes
Krabill – yes Steck – yes Tolles – yes

MOTION APPROVED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Sarkan stated he wanted to bring up something regarding the development. He read the following statement. " I was unfortunately unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting on July 22. Last evening a Grand Rapids resident stopped at my house and we were discussing the housing development. He stated that it was brought up at the meeting that I had visited the development near Monroe Michigan that the developer had given council as an example of their work. He did not remember who had brought his up. This resident was left with the impression that I liked the Monroe development, which I did, but he was also left with the impression that I liked the proposed development here in Grand Rapids.

I believe the addition of a housing development will help Grand Rapids remain financially secure for the next generations of residents. I am not, however, pleased with this particular design. At the Planning Commission meeting prior to the meeting held last week, I voiced my opinion that Grand Rapids is a very special place that deserves a special design for this development. In my opinion, the design presented to and approved by the Planning Commission is one that can be found in villages everywhere. My personal opinion is that Grand Rapids deserves more than straight streets and houses in such close proximity to one another. I was hoping for a place where people could come home from work and stretch out. I was hoping for a place where children could come home from school and have a lot of space to play. I was hoping for something more like Williamsburg On The River east of us.

I am not saying or even implying that I think someone purposefully misrepresented my position on the Grand Rapids development. I am simply clarifying my position on this matter. I would like what I have said to be put into public record so when years from now people look back on this they are aware of my position.
Respectfully, Mark J Sarkan"

Smith asked the administrator if he heard back from any of the sidewalk contractors. Administrator stated he is still talking to two of them and they will be getting us some numbers.

NEW BUSINESS: Amy Fitch would like to recommend providing dog poop bags along the tow path with signs. She remembers a while back that these were provided. Krabill suggested adding this to our park grant application. Donsbach stated the responsible pet owners carry bags with them. Donsbach asked the Administrator if we talked to Downey about the car that is located in the right of way. Administrator stated he will contact Downey tomorrow.

COMMENTS: Administrator stated he will contact the Sheriff's Department concerning the sidewalk by the Downey residence so that gets fixed by the insurance company as well. Mayor stated after the Planning Commission meeting he was thinking about some of the comments that were made. Many years ago there used to be 5 gas stations, three grocery stores, and probably 11 bars within a five mile radius. Back then there wasn't near as many people and they all supported the businesses and the area. Now people drive farther and we have more people here and we were not able to keep the drug store, hardware and grocery store. Its just something to think about how things have changed so much from back then. We should support what's here in our community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Krabill made a motion, seconded by Tolles, to adjourn.

Votes were: Sarkan – yes Smith – yes Krabill – yes
 Steck – yes Tolles – yes Donsbach - yes

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is August 9, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids Old Fire Hall.



Kristel Beyer, Fiscal Officer



John Berry, Mayor

All formal actions of the Council of The Village of Grand Rapids concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.