

**LAPEER CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held April 17, 2023, at the Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Marquardt.

Commissioners: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Absent: None.

Interim City Manager: Kelly Hanna, present.

City Attorney: Denis McCarthy, present.

Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**94 2023 04-17 AGENDA APPROVAL**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the Agenda for April 17, 2023, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**95 2023 04-17 MINUTES**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 3, 2023, as presented.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brad Haggadone, Lapeer County Commissioner provided an update to the Commission regarding the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners proceedings.

Melissa Petrie gave an invocation and commented that all boards should work together.

**96 2023 04-17 CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the consent agenda for April 17, 2023, as presented:

1. Special Event – Car Cruise – May 2023 through September 2023.
2. Special Event – Farmers Market – May 2023 through October 2023.
3. Special Event – Ladies Night Out – May 19, 2023.
4. Special Event – Summer Concert Series – June 2023 through August 2023.
5. Fixed Asset Disposal – 2010 HHR.
6. Fixed Asset Disposal – 2013 Ford Explorer.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**97 2023 04-17 BILL LISTING**

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the bill listing for April 17, 2023, in the amount of \$515,620.37.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROCLAMATION, RECOGNITIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**98 2023 04-17 ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Stroh. Seconded by Pattison.

Adopt the Arbor Day Proclamation.

CITY OF LAPEER  
ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Debbie G. Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer and the Lapeer City Commission do hereby declare April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the City of Lapeer and urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**99 2023 04-17 WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION**

Moved by Pattison. Seconded by Stroh.

Adopt the Workers Memorial Day Proclamation.

CITY OF LAPEER  
WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year on April 28, communities and worksites around the world honor friends, family members, and colleagues who have been killed or injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, 140<sup>(1)</sup> workers were lost through fatal workplace accidents in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to honor the memory of the courageous and dedicated members of Michigan's labor force who have been injured or disabled or have died as a result of workplace accidents; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered occupational-related diseases, or have been injured due to dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, recognition of the integrity of Michigan's workforce and its achievements on behalf of the economic growth of our state is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission wishes to pay tribute to the workers who have died or been injured or disabled in workplace accidents. We honor the contributions of Michigan's workforce and call for increased workplace safety; and

WHEREAS, the Lapeer City Commission seeks stronger workplace safety and health protections, better standards, and enforcement, and fair and just compensation; and by rededicating ourselves to improving safety and health in every city workplace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I Debbie Marquardt, Mayor of the City of Lapeer and the Lapeer City Commission, do hereby declare April 28, 2023, as

## **Workers Memorial Day**

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

**100 2023 04-17 DOWNTOWN AREA RIGHT-OF-WAY LICENSES**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Approve the nine (9) Downtown Area Right-of-Way Licenses as presented.

1. Blondie's Sweet Boutique/Dagwood's Deli – Seasonal Enclosure.

2. Popovich Properties, LLC – Permanent Enclosure.
3. Popovich Properties, LLC – String Lights.
4. Tilted Axis Brewery – Permanent Enclosure.
5. Titled Axis Brewery – Expanded Seasonal Enclosure.
6. Woodchips, LLC – Permanent Enclosure.
7. Woodchips, LLC – Seasonal Enclosure.
8. Cheers Pub – Seasonal Enclosure.
9. Blend Frozen Yogurt Bar – Overhead Lighting.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**101            2023    04-17            PUMP TRACK CONCEPTUAL DESIGN**

Moved by Swindell. Seconded by Stroh.

Approve the ROWE Professional Services Pump Track / Parking Lot Conceptual Design proposal for the future Pump Track / Parking Lot project and authorize the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery to sign the necessary documents.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Swindell stated she will be visiting two (2) more schools in an attempt to recruit students to fill the vacancies on the Youth Council board. Currently there are five (5) students on the board, and she is hoping to have more applications from students before the next commission meeting. A discussion was held regarding how the board is functioning, lack of participation, and if the board should remain active. Some commissioners do not want to see this board fail and want to work harder to have this as a fully functioning board with involvement with the City Commission and things that are happening in and around the city.

Interim City Manager Hanna stated that the increase in funding for the Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer (CFA) did not come directly from CFA but was increased by the previous City Manager. Rick Van Haften, chairman, Center for the Arts of Greater Lapeer, explained what they would do with the increase in funding if they were to receive it, as it would be most helpful and very appreciated. The funds will be used to help to increase the summer programming during the summer months. He stated that CFA is a vital building block in the downtown area of Lapeer. Many people who attend the shows also have dinner downtown before the show. CFA had anticipated an increase in attendance at shows after the COVID pandemic, however, that has not been the case.

Interim City Manager stated the Parks department will be holding an Arbor Day celebration at Annrook Park at 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 28, 2023, with a tree planting; the playground equipment and pavilion at Perkins Park is being replaced and should be completed by June 2023, which is being paid for with grant funds. Officer Wenzel will be performing a security risk assessment here at City Hall; Finance has a request for proposals out for procurement cards which will replace the current city credit cards. City Manager Womack is planning a meet and greet at the Farmers Market and Concerts in the Park soon. MEDC has modified the request for proposals for the Jefferson Street property eliminating a deadline date; and they have had

numerous inquiries from developers. The Mayor and Commissioners have received the budget documents, and the budget workshop will take place on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 8:00 a.m.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**102 2023 04-17 RESIGNATIONS FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**

**AUTHORITY**

Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Swindell.

Accept the resignation of Tony Stroh and Michael O'Brien from the Downtown Development Authority and declare the seats vacant.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**103 2023 04-17 APPOINTMENT TO LAPEER HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Moved by Marquardt. Moved by Cattane. Seconded by Stroh.

To appoint Kerri Roberts, Lisa Lie, and Robin Chesnutt to the Lapeer Housing Board of Appeals for a term to expire May 1, 2026.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

The Monthly Departmental Reports and the Marihuana License Update were received into the record.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jeanette Osentoski spoke against the actions of the Commission.

**MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Swindell: Excited for summer things and warm weather; looking forward to Farmers Market and seeing all the people out and about using the parks and amenities that the city has available.

Commissioner Cattane: Today's weather is not fun; this past weekend's weather was great. Thanked Interim City Manager Hanna for the excellent communication; thanked all city staff for the great communication as well. Visited Crank Cycle & Fitness, great looking operation. Kiwanis Kapers show is this weekend at Lapeer High School.

Mayor Marquardt: We do try to work together in the community; we try to make this a great place to live.

**104 2023 04-17 ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Cattane.

Adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Ayes: Atwood, Cattane, Pattison, Stroh, Swindell.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Debbie Marquardt, Mayor

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Romona Sanchez, City Clerk