

**CITY OF AU GRES  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024  
5:00 PM**

PRESENT: Chad Anthony, Barb Osborne, Sheree Wiltse, Margaret Warr, Dan & Terry Heinrich, Jan Gore  
ABSENT: Paige Belanger  
ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Dale Wiltse, Park Manager Chris Ireland, Julie Schnettler, Tom Becker

- 1). **CALL TO ORDER**  
Meeting called to order by Chairman Chad Anthony at 5:00 p.m.
  
- 2). **ROLL CALL**  
Roll call noted Paige Belanger absent.
  
- 3). **MINUTES**  
**MOTION** (Osborne) to approve minutes from May 21, 2024 as submitted, support (Wiltse).  
Motion carried.
  
- 4). **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**  
Tom Becker would like to hold a farmer’s market at the Riverside Pavilion on Fridays for the remainder of the 2024 season. He will oversee organizing and getting vendors.
  
- 5). **OLD BUSINESS:**  
5.1 Ballfields: Julie Schnettler reported that the youth sports organization is being formed and they will be having a meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the timeframe and building of new ball fields. Dan Heinrich will represent the city on the committee.
  
- 6). **NEW BUSINESS:**  
6.1 Final Campground Draft  
City Manager presented the board with the final draft from Russo Engineering for the proposed campground expansion. The plans looked okay except for a few minor revisions. The plan and revisions will be returned to Russo and Rick Freeman to begin the bid process.
  
- 7). **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**  
The City Manager discussed the cancellation of the agreement between the City of Au Gres and the Northeastern Michigan Farmers Market regarding the Monday market. He felt the residents and vendors did not give the market a fair chance. He did not want to get involved with the Tom Becker proposed Friday Market unless a Park & Recreation Board member would serve as a liaison. Jane Gore volunteered to help with the Friday Market.
  
- 8). **PARK MANAGER COMMENTS:**  
The campground has been operating at 93% capacity. Campers have been commenting on how nice the park looks and how peaceful it is to camp.
  
- 9). **ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION** (Heinrich) adjourn at 6:20 p.m.; support (Warr). Motion carried.

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Chairman Chad Anthony

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Dale Wiltse, City Manager