

PACKET SUPPLEMENT

Regular Council Meeting, Monday, June 24, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

Paul D. Bueche Municipal Building, 8083 Civic Drive Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473

✓ **PARK RESERVATION WAIVER REQUESTS *(Business Item)***

There is a park reservation waiver request being sought by a non-profit group. The group is identified as Bethany Christian Services Inc., a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit. They seek waiver of the \$70 standard pavilion fee for pavilion number 2 in Abrams for July 20th, a Saturday. They have not applied for a waiver before.

Per the park rules: “fees may be waived in full if reservations by a non-profit are found to result in a public benefit directly or if proceeds from the reserved event are found to be a benefit to the city.”

The reservation and statement are attached. While the purpose of the nonprofit is no-doubt a benefit to the region, the direct benefit offered appears unrelated and in direct response to the requirements to have a fee waived. If council recalls, the initial dilemma encountered was the charging for fees to groups that were using the park primarily to perform a service within the park (e.g. staining the playscape, providing direct services to residents, or coordination meetings/picnics for park related groups/fundraisers).

I doubt the council wishes to split hairs over this application for a \$70 waiver, given that it does appear to meet the stated qualifications. However, I see the potential trend towards waivers for all groups that can offer even the smallest of park improvements during their stay. For the record, a large proportion of pavilion use is by churches, schools, and other non-profits.

The fees collected help offset weekend overtime, material, and vehicle expense for waste collection, inspections, and bathroom upkeep services that our staff provide directly.

Resolution No. 190624-8I

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PARK WAIVER REQUEST OF BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Motion by Councilmember: _____

WHEREAS, the City of Swartz Creek requires park usage reservations and fees in accordance with adopted rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bethany Christian Services reserved Pavilion #2 in Abrams Park for July 20, 2019 for the purpose of holding an annual picnic; and

WHEREAS, the city park rules and regulations states that “fees may be waived in full if reservations by a non-profit are found to result in a public benefit directly or if proceeds from the reserved event are found to be a benefit to the city.”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the petitioning group to be a qualifying group with a qualifying activity, being the donation and installation of trees within Abrams Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Swartz Creek City Council hereby waives all fees (\$70) for the July 20, 2019 reservation in Abrams Park.

Second by Councilmember: _____

Voting For: _____

Voting Against: _____

Phone: (810) 635-4464

Fax: (810) 635-2887

City of Swartz Creek Proof of Pavilion Reservation

Non-Reservable: Playscapes, Restrooms, Play Equipment, Tennis Courts, Volleyball Courts and Basketball Courts. Ball diamonds may be requested during the week by submitting a schedule to the City Offices, including dates, times, ball diamond location and group requesting the reservation; all of which will be reviewed and scheduled administratively.

All monies, including a \$100 refundable deposit, must be paid at time of reservation. Only Cash payments will be accepted for a rental date of five (5) days or less. Any cancellations must be made two (2) weeks prior to event date. All cancellations are subject to a \$20.00 Cancellation Fee. ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS DUE TO WEATHER.

Park Fees Apply on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Fees Charged May through October.

Elms Park- 4125 Elms Rd

- #1 \$70.00
70-80 People Electricity 8 Tables
- #2 \$120.00
90-100 People Electricity 7 Tables
- #3 \$70.00
25-30 People 4 Tables
- #4 \$120.00
80-90 People Electricity 12 Table
- Ball Field
- Soccer Field

Abrams Park- 5225 Winshall Dr

- #1 \$70.00
60 People 4 Large Tables
- #2 \$70.00
80 People 6 Large Tables
- #3 \$70.00
40 People 4 Small Tables
- Ball Field

Date of Reservation July 20th, 2019

Name of Responsible Party Bethany Christian Services

Address 4180 Pier North Blvd Ste A Phone: 810-820-8265

City Flint Zip 48504

Number of Guests 40-60 Nature of Activity Foster Parent/Family "Thank-you" Picnic

Responsible Party Signature M. Kunderley

E-Mail Address MKunderley@Bethany.org

I have received a copy of the Park Rules:

Deposits can be expected to be returned within 30 days of reservation date.

CASH CHECK#

Receipt #

Area restrooms are attended to during the early morning hours in the summertime. Due to high park volume and vandalism, you are strongly encouraged to bring your own paper products and soap or sanitizer for restroom use.

IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS AT THE PARK CONTACT 911.

City Official _____ Date _____



To whom it may concern,

Bethany Christian Services is planning our **Annual Picnic for Foster/ Adoptive Families**. We have requested to use Abrams Park Pavilion #2 on July 20, 2019 and are hoping to have the \$70 fee waived. We plan to have between 40-60 adults and children in attendance.

This picnic is to provide families who are caring for vulnerable children from the community with the opportunity to come together and enjoy themselves. In addition to providing this service to our families, we will also be donating and planting tree saplings to benefit the park. If there is an area of the park best fit for this, suggestions are welcome. Otherwise, donated trees will be planted in the back of the park near other trees.

Since 1951, Bethany Christian Services has been working with families to assist where the need is great. Bethany is a nonprofit organization that brings children and families together. We provide services such as pregnancy counseling, domestic infant adoption, foster care, and foster care adoption.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MMHundley", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Madeline M. Hundley, BS

Licensing Specialist