

**Citizen's Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Citizen's Recreation Commission was held on October 11, 2022**  
**at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02**

**PRESENT:**

Lindsay Fratarolli  
Gib Heim  
Barb Janutol  
Abby Klotz  
Mark Miller  
Tony Rennpage  
Amanda York

**ABSENT:**

Amanda Starkey

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Nicole Gerhart, Angela Coletti Brown, Melinda Billingsly, Art Bryant and Frank Schulte

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made for acceptance of the agenda for October 11, 2022 by Gib Heim and seconded by Mark Miller

**Approval of motion**

**Yes: Fratarolli, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Miller, Rennpage and York**

**No: None**

**Absent: Amanda Starkey**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- July 2022 minutes will be read for approval at our November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Correction to the September 2022 minutes:**

- Under New Business, Abby Klotz, not Amanda would contact candidates for the open seat on our Commission

**Motion** was made for the acceptance of the corrected September 13, 2022 minutes by Mark Miller and seconded by Gib Heim.

**Approval of motion**

**Yes: Fratarolli, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Miller, Rennpage and York**

**No: None**

**Absent: Amanda Starkey**

## **SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- Hob Nob and Goblin is sold out with 750 registrants.
- Park pass renewal will start soon. Citizen's will be encouraged to fill out the paperwork on line, submit and then call for an appointment for pictures, to alleviate an overflow of registrants at one time.
- Woods Aglow is November 22 at 7:00pm.

## **COUNCIL REPORT:**

- There are 2 considerations that we need to discuss and make recommendations on to Council.
  1. Prioritizing our Park Improvement Plan recommendations:
    - Mr. Schulte gave us the timeline for construction of the Chene-Trombley Tot Lot. It will include the new security camera surveillance system. Work will begin as weather permits on the DPW part of the construction. Once the playground equipment is ordered, the timeline for installation will be determined. The target date for installation is August through Fall, 2023. The GPW Foundation has generously committed \$70,000 to the project to help fund the playground equipment. The rest of the funds will come from the city budget not to exceed \$130,000 for the total project. A suggestion, from us, was to also include bike racks. Mr. Schulte said that he has bike racks available.
    - New members are encouraged to look over the Park Improvement Plan before our next meeting, to help with our discussion. A suggestion was made to talk to residents to possibly include their ideas. Residents have requested more picnic tables to Sweeney Park per Angela Brown after her discussion with some residents around the park. Mr. Schulte again indicated that this could be easily accommodated.
    - Prioritizing improvements will be added to the November agenda and the suggestion was made to always include this discussion on our future September agendas.
  2. Dog Park Proposal:
    - Mr. Schulte showed us an aerial view of the proposed Dog Park site. Since we already walked this area in 2019 when we were developing our Park Improvement Plan as a possibility for a future dog park, we were aware that this area might work. Concerns involving the height of the fencing, and the visual aesthetics were raised. Also, Mayor Bryant assured us that since this area is already designated as municipal and not park property, thus no change in City the dog ordinance will have to take place.

- More discussion will take place at the November meeting before recommendation to Council.
- Members would like to view data regarding census, dog park usage and dog licenses. Amanda York will prepare this information for the November meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- WINTER FEST:
  - Ms. Gerhart developed a “Special Event” form to be used to ask Council to approve the event/date and keep track of expenses.
  - The date of the event is January 28, 2023 from 11:00am to 3:00pm.
  - Lindsay will handle food truck bookings.
  - Amanda York will take care of “special character” booking.
  - Nikki has already confirmed the date with Chamberlin Petting Zoo.
  - Angela will take care of the photo booth and DJ bookings.
  - Barb will contact Wahl Tent Rental for a price on a large tent with sides and heaters.

**MOTION:**

Due to the decrease in our Commission budget for fiscal year 2022/23, a motion was made by Mark Miller and seconded by Gib Heim to amend our budget by transferring from account number 205-000-675.300 into the Council approved general fund budget, Citizen’s Recreation Commission account number 101-105-880.200 in the amount of \$2796.00.

**Approval of motion**

**Yes: Fratarolli, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Miller, Rennpage and York**

**No: None**

**Absent: Amanda Starkey**

- Abby Klotz left emails with applicants regarding our open seat, inviting them to come to our October meeting. None responded. She will again contact them and any new applicants and invite them to our November meeting for interview purposes.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**Due to the election date in November, our meeting will be held in the Cook School House instead of the conference room at City Hall.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting by Mark Miller and seconded by Gib Heim.

**Approval of motion**

**Yes:** Fratarolli, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Miller, Rennpage and York

**No:** None

**Absent:** Amanda Starkey

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted by: Barbara Janutol, Secretary of the Grosse Pointe Woods Citizen's Recreation Commission.