

Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on May 13, 2025 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03pm

PRESENT:

Melinda Billingsley

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Amanda York

Dave Andrews

Gib Heim

Lindsay Fratarolli

ABSENT:

Amanda Starkey

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Coletti-Brown, Owen Gafa, and Tony Rennpage

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda for May 13, 2025 by Heim and seconded by Barb Janutol.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; York; Andrews; Heim; Fratarolli

No: None

Absent: Starkey

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from April 8 2025 by Abby Klotz and seconded by Amanda Starkey.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; York; Andrews; Heim; Fratarolli

No: None

Absent: Starkey

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Swim team prices raised to be in line with other cities
- Some of new workout equipment from grant has already arrived
- Swim team registration open
- Lifeguard recruitment is ongoing

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Social district open now through October
- City received a grant and through feedback from residents decided to purchase new workout equipment for Lakefront activity center

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- SpringFest came in slightly under budget
- Commission budget still on track

OLD BUSINESS:

- **SpringFest Debrief**
 - Good amount of attendees, just stayed less long likely due to weather
 - Rock garden, face paint, and DIA were well received
 - Friendship Factory table was less busy, if used again commission would prefer to prepay
 - Because of city ordinance, commission wasn't able to ask for and advertise local restaurant deals. Will ask city admin if there is a way to work with local businesses for next springfest
- **Spring Bike Ride**
 - City providing 100 t-shirts (first come, first serve)
 - Will need safety vests for volunteers
 - City purchase freeze pops (with coolers)
 - new decorations
 - Will encourage corner monitor
- **Fishing Derby**
 - Giveaway: 3 gallon bucket, same candy, juice, small goody bag stuffers, maybe a net

Motion to request amount not to exceed \$2,000 from Acct 101-105-880.200 for Fishing Derby made by Janutol, second by Andrews

Approval of motion:

Yes: Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; York; Andrews; Heim; Fratarolli

No: None

Absent: Starkey

- **75th Anniversary subcommittee**
 - Planning possible Labor Day event
 - Considering expanded bridge walk/run that could include .75 mile course and 7.5 km
 - 75 days of summer activities: trips to pool, laps around Ghesquiere,
 - could include prizes like a t-shirt or business gift card

NEW BUSINESS:

- Confirm 2026 Event Calendar
 - WinterFest - last Saturday of Jan (Jan 31)
 - SpringFest - first Saturday of May (May 2)
 - Cruisin' Through the Woods: Family Fun Ride - First Sunday in June (June 7)
 - Fishing Derby - first Saturday of August (Aug 1)
- Ghesquiere ice rink
 - Boards were originally taken down, before decision was made to keep ice rink in current location. Comm. Andrews suggests putting boards on Lakefront rink instead of Ghesquiere

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dave Andrews and seconded by Barb Janutol.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; York; Andrews; Heim; Fratarolli

No: None

Absent: Starkey

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm.

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