

**Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on April 9, 2024 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Melinda Billingsley

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Tony Rennpage

Amanda York

Dave Andrews

**ABSENT:**

Amanda Starkey

Lindsay Fratarolli

Gib Heim

**ALSO PRESENT:** Angela Coletti-Brown and Margaret Potter

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made for acceptance of the agenda for April 9, 2024 with addition of Mack Dog Park Opening and Pocket Park on Brys under New Business by Janutol and seconded by Rennpage.

**Approval of motion:**

**Yes:** Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; Rennpage; York; Andrews

**No:** None

**Absent:** Starkey; Fratarolli; Heim

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Motion** was made for the approval of minutes from March 12, 2024 by Klotz and seconded by Janutol.

**Approval of motion:**

**Yes:** Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; Rennpage; York; Andrews

**No:** None

**Absent: Starkey; Fratarolli; Heim**

**COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Nothing to report

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:**

- Dog park licenses are selling well

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- SpringFest
  - Saturday, May 4, 11am-2pm at Chene Trombley Park
  - Kindness rock garden will be replenished
  - Treat Dreams truck will be selling onsite
  - Face painting from Fun with Sparkles (3hrs)
  - Mad Scientist Detroit science demonstration (2hrs)
  - Sidewalk chalk and hula hoops scattered around
  - Lawn games from the city
  - Grosse Pointe Public Library Book Bike and storytime (tentative)
  - Nearby businesses will be contacted to possibly provide specials or giveaways
  - Will try to get some tents for shade, and use a speaker and playlist
- Snow Creation Contest
  - Winners will be announced during SpringFest
  - Will check to see if trophies have been ordered
- Treasurer meeting
  - Commission Treasurer will need to meet with City Treasurer/Comptroller to understand the revenue and expense reports

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2024-25 Event Calendar
  - **Winterfest:** Saturday, January 25, 2025
  - **Springfest:** Saturday, May 3, 2025
  - **Cruisin' Through the Woods:** Sunday, June 1, 2025 (tentative last day of GP schools, June 13)
  - **Fishing Derby:** Saturday, August 2, 2025
- Fishing Derby

- Subcommittee will complete Special Event Form
- Event expenditures will be decided in May
- Mack Dog Park Opening
  - May 11th or 12th - has been floated by the GPW Foundation
  - CM Brown will ask city administration for more info
- Pocket Park on Brys
  - Suggestions: have BAC decorate with flowers and shrubs; butterfly garden; ask nearby schools to decorate and take ownership of upkeep; create a tree nursery / grove for city to use when trees are needed; possibly ask Mack Avenue business association to sponsor trees or garden

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Resident has concern that benches at Mack Dog Park are very close to the fence, which could allow a dog to jump on bench and over the fence. Suggests moving benches

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**Approval of motion:**

**Yes: Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; Rennpage; York; Andrews**

**No: None**

**Absent: Starkey; Fratarolli; Heim**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:11pm.**

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