

Citizen's Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizen's Recreation Commission was held on February 14, 2023 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05

PRESENT:

Melinda Billingsly
Gib Heim
Barb Janutol
Abby Klotz
Tony Rennpage
Amanda Starkey
Amanda York

ABSENT:

Lindsay Fratarolli

ALSO, PRESENT: Nicole Gerhart, Angela Coletti-Brown, Dave Andrews, Steve Lorenz, Cindy Lambert, Lisa Carmer, and Margaret Potter

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda for February 14, 2023 by Amanda Starkey and seconded by Gib Heim.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsly, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Rennpage, Starkey and York

No: None

Absent: Lindsay Fratarolli

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from January 10, 2022 by Gib Heim and seconded by Abby Klotz.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsly, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Rennpage, Starkey and York

No: None

Absent: Lindsay Fratarolli

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Updated park pass applications are being processed now. Citizens can make appointments daily, including Tuesday and Thursday until 8:00pm.
- Mother/Son Movie held on February 11 had 40 participants. All had a great time.

- All departments are working on their budgets.
- Easter Egg Stroll tickets are available starting February 28th.
- Gazebo and Pavilion rental reservations will be taken starting March 1st.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Equipment has been ordered for Chene-Trombley Park.

OLD BUSINESS:

Winter Fest

- The final tally is not in yet, but we were over budget, due to unexpected up charges by our vendors. Next year we may have to look at limiting the hours of the event and/or look for new vendors.
- The weather dictated some of our logistics problems including transportation of the large petting zoo animals. The vendor adjusted the bill accordingly.
- The donut and hamburger food vendors/trucks were well received. We will be looking for a new pizza vendor for next year.
- Some possible additions to activities for next year might include snow shoe demo, dog sled demo and hopefully better weather for ice skating.
- The large tent meant for dancing and character meet and greet, became a long line for the photo booth. Better positioning of the vendors might alleviate this.
- The Edsel and Eleanor Ford group activity was a great success.
- The snow mound from plowing was a great hit, as usual.
- The playground was well used.
- The princesses and Olaf were awesome, and well received by the kiddos.

Chene-Trombley Park

- We need to keep an eye on the progress of the park improvements, so that we can plan some kind of kick-off event for usage.

Park Improvement Plan:

- Should be fluid. A better timeline for working on this plan was suggested by Ms. Gerhart, to help Council include improvements in the budget for the next year. We should survey and begin updating the improvement plan in September.
- Members went through the improvement plan for each park. We eliminated the things that have already been addressed, and prioritized those things that are remaining.

- It was noted that the current dog park proposal is interestingly very close to the proposed enhancement included in the 2020 Park Improvement Plan for Ghesquire Park.
- Amanda Starkey agreed to update the current plan/template to include the decisions made.
- A special meeting to ok the updated Park Improvement Plan will be held on February 28th in the Conference room at City Hall at 7:00pm. Members need to let Amanda York or Barb Janutol know if they cannot attend. We need a quorum to make a motion to send the plan to Council. The updated plan will be sent to you ahead of the meeting. Please review so the meeting is short.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Elections were tabled to the March Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dave Lorenz thanked the members for considering his proposal for a new dog park and the proposed location.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Amanda Starkey and seconded by Gib Heim.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Billingsly, Heim, Janutol, Klotz, Rennpage, Starkey and York

No: None

Absent: Lindsay Fratarolli

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 pm.

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