

**Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on Feb 11, 2025 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 7:17p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Melinda Billingsley

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Amanda York

Gib Heim

Lindsay Fratarolli

**ABSENT:**

Amanda Starkey

Dave Andrews

**ALSO PRESENT:** Owen Gafa, Tony Rennpage

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Motion** was made for acceptance of the agenda for Feb 11, 2025 by Klotz and seconded by Heim.

**Approval of motion:**

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** Starkey; Andrews

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Motion** was made for the approval of minutes from Jan 14, 2025 by Abby Klotz and seconded by Heim.

**Approval of motion:**

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** Starkey; Andrews

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Ghesquiere Park improvements: will add 6 pickleball courts where ice rink is currently; will also add a walking path. Work for both projects is planned to be done by summer
- Egg Stroll registration opens March 6. Pavilions registration open March 3

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Currently have \$6,000 remaining in account; some budgeted expenses were shared between Park & Recs budget
- Saved significantly in WinterFest because of fewer rented tents and decrease of some vendors

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- WinterFest Debrief
  - Over 1,000 residents joined
  - Minigolf games were big draw, easy for younger kids
  - Inflatable games had some technical issues, but were enjoyed
  - Lawn Candy (signage) was unable to stake signs, so they will instead give services to SpringFest free of charge
  - Ice rink was usable. Score-o was used throughout the event
  - Mascots were loved
  - Food trucks were all well-received
- Budget Request
  - Fishing Derby - \$2,000
  - Small Fall Event (eg Bike Ride) - \$500
  - Winterfest - \$12,300
  - Snow Creation - \$200
  - Springfest - \$2,000
  - Small Spring Event (eg Bike Ride) - \$500
  - **TOTAL Request:** \$17,500

**Motion** was made to request a Fiscal Year 25/26 budget of \$17,500 by Janutol and seconded by Heim.

#### **Approval of motion:**

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** Starkey; Andrews

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- SpringFest
  - Want to purchase an advertising banner for Chene Trombley park, similar to what is used for WinterFest at Ghesquiere. Estimated cost \$500-\$600 dollars
  - Will need to request that public safety not enforce parking meters near Chene Trombley during event
  - Need to check with city on partnering with nearby businesses, in light of recent city ordinance prohibiting promotion of private business at city events

**Motion** was made to request up to \$3,000 from Account #101-105-880.000 for activities and signage for SpringFest by Janutol and seconded by Heim.

### **Approval of motion:**

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** Starkey; Andrews

- Spring Bike Ride
  - June 1st (First Sunday in June)
  - Subcommittee will submit Event Request Form
- Commission Vacancy
  - Currently 3 interested bios
  - Will invite current applicants, and any incoming applicants, to next meeting

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- None

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** was made to adjourn the meeting by Barb Janutol, seconded by Heim.

### **Approval of motion:**

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

**No:** None

**Absent:** Starkey; Andrews

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.**

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