

Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on January 14, 2025
at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT:

Melinda Billingsley

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Amanda Starkey

Amanda York

Dave Andrews

Gib Heim

Lindsay Fratarolli

ABSENT:

Tony Rennpage

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Coletti-Brown, Owen Gafa

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda for January 14, 2025 by Starkey and seconded by Barb Janutol.

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from December 10, 2024 by Heim and seconded by Andrews.

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Dog Park Passes will now be March-Feb (in line with registration)
- Ice rink in Ghesquiere will become dedicated pickleball courts
- New ice rink will go next to bathrooms

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Council approved re-appointments of Andrews and Fratarolli.
- Tony Rennpage resigned from Commission. There is now a vacancy on the commission
- State Little League tournament in July hosted at Ghesquiere, so work will begin soon to update diamonds
 - About \$200,000 of updates being done to baseball areas
- Council still waiting to receive Park Improvement Plan with cover letter

TREASURER'S REPORT

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- WinterFest
 - Frisbee giveaway with city logo
 - DJ, pony rides, petting zoo, photo booth, confirmed
 - Food trucks: Cult of the Joe Burger, Little Donuts Factory, and on site pizza
 - Detroit Mascots will be staggered over the course of the event
 - Mini golf activity and inflatable games
 - Setup will happen night before at Cook Schoolhouse
 - Need music for ice rink while people are skating
 - Roles
 - Animals: Heim
 - Fire Pits: Andrews
 - Games/Crafts: Klotz, Billingsley
 - Food Trucks: Janutol
 - Mascot: York, Billingsley, Fratarolli
 - Utility: Starkey

- Snow Creation Contest
 - Flyer was shared and included in eblast
 - Will run until March 15
- Elections
 - Proposed idea: rotating board positions - met with hesitation and opposition from most commission members. Proposal is dropped.
 - Nominations:
 - Chair: York
 - Vice-Chair: Andrews
 - Treasurer: Starkey
 - Secretary: Billingsley

Motion to approve nominated slate of Commission Board

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discuss FY 25-26 Budget
 - Will bring budget recommendations to February meeting
- Vacant commission position - will ask city for current applications, and ask others to apply. Will review all applications during the March meeting

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; Starkey; York; Andrews; Heim; Fratarolli

No: None

Absent: Rennpage

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm.

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