

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
City Attorney Walling
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
Deputy City Clerk Antolin

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Brown, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

The first item discussed was the **Conditional Waiver of Conflict (Woods Wholesale Wine)**. A letter of withdrawal was submitted by the Former City Attorney Berschback. No action was taken.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Gafa, that the item regarding the Conditional Waiver of Conflict (Woods Wholesale Wine) be removed from the Committee-of-the Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

The next item was regarding **The Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation: Chene-Trombley Park – Tot Lot**.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the Committee-of-the-Whole receive and place on file a map of an overview of the entire Chene-Trombley Park in relation to the proposed Tot-Lot project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No: None
Absent: None

The purpose of this item is to consider authorizing administration to send a letter of intent to the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation asking to implement fundraising for the Chene/Trombley Park: Tot-Lot project.

John Vitale of Stucky Vitale Architects, provided an overview of the project and stated some new features including, an entryway, pavilion, fencing, and a tot-lot area.

The Tot-Lot project consists of three phases in a 3-year construction plan giving adequate time for fundraising and yearly evaluation from the Finance Committee and City Council. Due to the increase in demand from young families with young toddlers, Council asked if the project can be completed in a shorter period of time. Mr. Vitale responded that the Tot-lot project can be done independently at any juncture.

Discussion ensued regarding the make-up of the flooring (mostly sand), the area of fencing in relation to the tot-lot and Ridgemont Rd., and water features such as toilets, drinking fountains and water fillers. In addition, spatial usage of the area, storm water drainage, and the walk path were discussed.

The discussion regarding accelerating the project continued. Mr. Vitale was asked what additional cost will occur in speeding up the process. He stated that fencing needed to be moved in order to gain access for equipment but it wouldn't be a major expense or financial impact. He will follow up with updated estimates.

Councilmember Brown stated that about two years ago, the Recreation Commission did an evaluation of all parks and concluded that they were all catered for ages 5-12 emphasizing the importance of accelerating the Tot-lot project.

Council Member Koester stated that with Roslyn and Hampton Roads being the two main major road projects in the 2022/23 budget, there should be enough funds available for the Tot-lot project to be accelerated. Mayor Bryant added that the pool liner project needs to be addressed and prioritized before it goes bad.

Councilmember McConaghy stated that the Finance Committee hasn't met yet, but asked the Treasurer/Comptroller to give a vision of the budget for a 1-year and 3-year plan for the Chene/Trombley Park - Tot-lot project.

The City Administrator said he will be having a meeting regarding all construction projects including the Chene/Trombley Park project and that funding may be available through grants. He will provide an update after the meeting.

Councilmember Vaughn added that the City should plan for community funding and once momentum is gained, to present more projects to the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation.

Lisa Fuller, President of the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation, stated that the Foundation would like more projects approved from Council to present to residents. Getting more people engaged and involved would enhance the collaborative effort.

Councilmember Gafa added that the Chene/Trombley Park – Tot-lot project is the first step to getting Tot-lot play areas into the other parks.

Council Member Brown suggested that the Recreation Commission review and evaluate the report regarding the parks assessment to implement proposals of future programs.

Motion by McConaghy, seconded by Koester, that the Committee-of-the-Whole authorize the City Administration to send a letter of intent to the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation regarding the Chene/Trombley Park – Tot-Lot project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Vaughn
No:	None
Absent:	None

Hearing no objections, the following were heard under New Business:

- The City Administrator stated that administration is working on a job description for the position of City Clerk and putting together an interview board made up of local City Clerks.
- The City Administrator provided a brief overview of the Sump Pump Replacement at the Torrey Rd. Pump Station to be presented at tonight's City Council Meeting.

No one wished to be heard under Public Comment.

Motion by Granger, seconded by McConaghy, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:08 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
Deputy City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor