

CITIZENS' RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on April 8, 2025 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05pm

PRESENT:

Gib Heim

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Lindsay Fratarolli

Amanda Starkey

Amanda York

ABSENT:

Dave Andrews

Melinda Billingsley

ALSO PRESENT:

Angela Coletti-Brown, Owen Gafa, Tony Rennpage, and Leigh Stubblefield

Motion: A motion was made to approve the agenda for April 8, 2025 by Klotz and seconded by Heim.

Approval of Motion:

Yes: Heim, Fratarolli, Janutol, Klotz, Starkey, and York

No: None

Absent: Andrews, Billingsley

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 11, 2025 by Janutol and seconded by Heim.

Approval of Motion:

Yes: Heim, Fratarolli, Janutol, Klotz, Starkey, and York

No: None

Absent: Andrews, Billingsley

Motion: A motion was made to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025 by Heim and seconded by Klotz.

Approval of Motion:

Yes: Heim, Fratarolli, Janutol, Klotz, Starkey, and York

No: None

Absent: Andrews, Billingsley

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A decision was made not to redo the ice rink into pickleball courts at Ghesquiere Park, because there was a significant increase in cost due to the poor condition of the existing surface. The ice rink surface will be patched and it will remain a rink for the future.

- The Egg Stroll is sold out.
- Swim team registration is open.
- The City is currently looking for lifeguards for the summer.
- Pool preparation for the summer has begun.
- Swim lesson registration will go live on May 29th.
- Bathrooms at Ghesquiere Park are undergoing refurbishing now.
- The "Friendship Swing" is expected to be installed by July.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT:

- A motion needs to be made to recognize the Snow Creation winners at the April 28th City council meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by York, and seconded by Fratarolli to recognize the Snow Creation Contest winners for 2025 at the April 28th City Council meeting.

Approval of Motion:

Yes: Heim, Fratarolli, Janutol, Klotz, Starkey, and York

No: None

Absent: Andrews, Billingsley

OLD BUSINESS:

Snow Creation Contest:

- Winners:
Troost...Best Traditional Snow Creation
O'Hara...Best Construction
Swaneck...Most Creative
- York will contact these winners to invite to the April 28th Council meeting for recognition.

Spring Bike Ride:

- June 1st from 4-6pm.
- Same course as last year... (Kenmore parking lot up Jackson to Van Antwerp, west to Helen, south to Kenmore, west to Jackson. Repeat this route for a second loop.)
- Need 20 volunteers to man the street corners during the ride.

75th anniversary sub-committee:

Andrews, York, Janutol, Klotz and Council Rep. Coletti-Brown will serve on the sub-committee.

Spring Fest:

- Saturday, May 3rd at Chene Trombly Park for 12-3pm.
- Commission reps should be at the park at 10:30am for set-up.
- DIA, Friendship Factory will provide activities along with face painting and rock painting.
- Amanda York will contact a source for "treats" that can be purchased.
- We will make the nearby businesses aware of the event.

Fishing Derby:

- August 2, 2025.
- Janutol will submit the application to Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Heim and seconded by Klotz to adjourn the meeting.

Approval of Motion:

Yes: Heim, Fratarolli, Janutol, Klotz, Starkey, and York

No: None

Absent: Andrews, Billingsley

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Janutol for Melissa Billingsley (Recording Secretary of the Grosse Pointe Woods Citizens' Recreation Commission).