

Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on February 13, 2024 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER:

PRESENT:

Melinda Billingsley

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Amanda Starkey

Amanda York

Gib Heim

Lindsay Fratarolli

ABSENT:

Tony Rennpage

Dave Andrews

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Coletti-Brown, Maria Beacham, Stephanie Listman

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda for Feb 13, 2024 by Fratarolli and seconded by Klotz.

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage; Andrews

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from Jan 9, 2024 by Janutol and seconded by Klotz.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsley; Janutol; Klotz; Rennpage; Starkey; York; Andrews

No: None

Absent: Heim, Fratarolli

COUNCIL REPORT:

- City Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy is retiring. Her successor will be Deputy Treasurer/Comptroller
- CM Brown recommends that several commissioners meet with new Treasurer for a info session of all things budget-wise

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Preparing to release info for synch swim & swim team around mid-March
- Pavillions and gazebo rentals will open Mar 1
- Caricature Night - Feb 20; reservations open for middle age kids - adults
- Trivia Night - Mar 27; "Feuding Families" style
- Supervisor reviews remaining budget with commissioners

OLD BUSINESS:

- **WinterFest Debrief**
 - Suggestion to incorporate more activities for older kids, adults without kids
 - inflatables; inflatable obstacle course; inflatable games
 - zip line
 - axe throwing (inflatable)
 - Idea to use a smaller heated DJ tent to allow for other activities
 - Sports related games
 - Possibility of allowing community organizations to be present
 - Maybe org could sponsor a game and have a table nearby
 - Maybe put tables in Cook Schoolhouse or along a walkway
- **Park Improvement Plan**
 - Council & Administration would like Commission to provide a Top 5 Large and Top 5 Small Priority list; with a suggested long-term timeline
 - Lakefront Park improvements already completed:
 - Large grills have already been replaced
 - Shuffleboard court was repainted
 - Bocce ball will be resurfaced this spring
 - Pool liner is being replaced (after 16 years) after pool closes this year
 - Water slide will be restored before this pool season
 - Splashpad being added this year

- Total investments are just under \$1,000,000 between FY23-24 and FY24-25
- Commission Chair asks if an outside firm could be brought in to design a revamped park, as was done with Chene Trombley
- Top 5 Large Priority
 - 1) Bathroom Additions (Ghesquiere)
 - 2) Build a multi-use, year-round pavilion suitable to cover standard size refrigerated ice rink for winter (200x100), as well as picnic tables to provide shade and additional seating area in spring/summer/fall*. Not in “magic square”; across from playground (Ghesquiere)
 - 3) Walking Path (Ghesquiere) (preference to Concept 1)
 - 4) Disc golf
 - 5) Toddler equipment (wheelchair accessible tot lot swingset)
 - 6) Installing dedicated pickleball courts
- Top 5 Small Priority
 - 1) Update current bathroom - lighting (Ghesquiere)
 - 2) Aesthetic signage at primary entrances to park - municipal lot and Jackson lot (Ghesquiere)
 - 3) Create shade at the miniature golf course (Lake Front)
 - 4) Small toddler equipment i.e. sandbox, tunnels (Sweeney. Lake Front)

NEW BUSINESS:

- SpringFest at Chene Trombley park
 - Subcommittee: York, Klotz, Janutol, Fratarolli
 - Will be simple, with food trucks and small activities
 - Tentatively May 4, 2024

Motion to request funds for 2024 SpringFest not to exceed \$2,000. Funds to be allocated from account #213-803-880.350 Previous Year’s Reserved Funds. Motion by Starkey, second by Janutol

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage; Andrews

Motion made to immediately certify this motion in the minutes. Motion made by Heim, seconded Fratarolli

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage; Andrews

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Comment from Maria Beacham- she learned a lot about city commission process! (Student at WSU attending community meeting as part of her degree program)
- Comment from resident Stephanie Listman (Historical Commission) that community has been recently losing tennis/pickleball courts. Would like to see an all-season tennis/pickleball option, maybe similar to Troy.

Motion made to immediately certify minutes for February 13, 2024 by Janutol, seconded by Starkey.

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage; Andrews

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Starkey and seconded by Barb Janutol.

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Rennpage; Andrews

Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 pm.

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