

Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

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

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Melinda Billingsley

Abby Klotz

Amanda Starkey

Amanda York

Dave Andrews

Gib Heim

Lindsay Frattaroli

ABSENT:

Barb Janutol

ALSO PRESENT: Owen Gafa

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda, with addition of Youth Advisory Committee under New Business for October 14, 2025 by Starkey and seconded by Klotz.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Billingsley; Klotz; Starkey; York; Andrews; Heim; Frattaroli

No: None

Absent: Janutol

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from September 9, 2025 by Abby Klotz and seconded by Amanda Starkey.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsley; Klotz; Starkey; York; Andrews; Heim;
Frattaroli

No: None

Absent: Janutol

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- New employee in Parks Department to help with events
- Camp Out at Lakefront went well; will return next year
- Hob Nobbin was smaller turnout but positive event
- New software being implemented for parks reservations
- New toddler equipment being installed in Ghesquiere
- City is aware of cracks in walking path, and public works is looking into the issue
- Geese abatement company has started work in Lakefront Park. The company brings trained dogs to haze the geese multiple times a day.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Updated total for Fishing Derby, came in under budget for fiscal year

OLD BUSINESS:

- AEW Presentation for New Pickleball Courts at Ghesquiere Park
 - Suggestion to have additional seating on the sides of court
 - Recommend Option 1, because of fencing
 - Discussion was had about possibility of restricting access using park passes or requiring reservations. Commissioners brought up concerns for access for unaccompanied minors, and potentially creating an unwelcome environment by only restricting access to a single area within Ghesquiere
 - Discussion was had around potential need for reservation to avoid conflict between players trying to utilize the courts. Also had discussion around how to enforce reservations since park is not staffed

Motion was made to recommend Concept Plan 1 by AEW by Andrews and seconded by Klotz.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsley; Klotz; Starkey; York; Andrews; Heim; Frattaroli

No: **None**

Absent: **Janutol**

- Open commission seat
 - Dave will call current applicants and invite to next meeting
 - Commissioners will review current applications before next meeting
- Annual Park Improvement Plan Update

NEW BUSINESS:

- Youth Advisory Committee
 - Can start with a pilot in Winter 2026.
 - Future committees will be active during school year (Sept-June). Accept applications in April-May, and make selections in June.
 - Would have a single representative from each grade 6-11th
 - Subcommittee to supervise advisory committee: Klotz, York, Billingsley

Motion was made to pilot a Youth Advisory Committee under the supervision of the Rec Commission, beginning in January 2026, by Abby Klotz and seconded by Billingsley.

Approval of motion

Yes: **Billingsley; Klotz; Starkey; York; Andrews; Heim; Frattaroli**

No: **None**

Absent: **Janutol**

- WinterFest Subcommittee
 - Winter Olympics theme
 - Event application

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dave Andrews and seconded by Heim.

Approval of motion

Yes: Billingsley; Klotz; Starkey; York; Andrews; Heim;
Frattaroli

No: **None**

Absent: **Janutol**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm.

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