

Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on January 9, 2024 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER:

PRESENT:

Melinda Billingsley
Barb Janutol
Abby Klotz
Tony Rennpage
Amanda Starkey
Amanda York
Dave Andrews
Gib Heim
Lindsay Fratarolli

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Nicole Gerhart and Mary Rogers (Avenue in the Woods)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda for Jan 9, 2024 by Klotz and seconded by Andrews.

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent:

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from Dec 12, 2023 with edit to include Nicole Gerhart's presence by Abby Klotz and seconded by Andrews.

Approval of motion

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

No: None

Absent:

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Dog park is open
- Leashed and licensed dogs are now allowed to be walked through Lakefront Park
- Dog park poop bag dispensers will be added
- Family Movie day Feb 10 at 12:30: \$8 for residents, \$10 for non-residents; snacks & crafts; Kiki's Delivery Service
- Caricature Night (Learn to draw) Feb 23 6:30-9:00pm for ages 10+; \$20 for residents and \$25 for non-residents
- Marina goodbye letters, for prior renters who did not pay their deposit have been sent

COUNCIL REPORT:

- The council requested more direction re: Park Improvement Plan. Commission will discuss next month

OLD BUSINESS:

- WinterFest
 - Giveaway 300 branded cups
 - Photo booth - new vendor found for \$500 (instead of \$450 from previous unavailable vendor)
 - Mary Rogers from Avenue in the Woods expressed interest in sponsoring the photo booth (with branding on the photos)
 - Food trucks being secured
 - WinterFest photo opportunity sign will be up
 - Trying to secure an org to provide craft or activity in Cook Schoolhouse. If there isn't an outside org to use that space, won't be used
 - Assignments
 - Petting Zoo - Heim
 - Schoolhouse (as needed) - Billingsley
 - Food trucks - Fratarolli
 - Fire - Andrews
 - Photo booth & DJ tent - Klotz
 - Additional support - Starkey
 - 4-6 Student volunteers to pass out giveaway cups to kids - Rennpage, Fratarolli; Park supervisor will secure

- Signage - Park supervisor will secure
- Layout - same as last year
- Suggested for future conversation that city may purchase tents & anchors to save annual expense for WinterFest
- Snow Creation Contest
 - Avenue in the Woods asked if businesses would be interested in supplying prizes
 - Flyer still needed

NEW BUSINESS:

- FY 24-25 Budget Discussion
 - **Proposed Total: \$17,500**
 - Fishing Derby: \$2000 - based on '23 expenses of ~\$1,500
 - Bike Ride(s): \$1000 - based on '23 expenses ~\$500 for a single bike ride
 - WinterFest: \$12,300
 - Snow Creation: \$200
 - (Potential) SpringFest: \$2000

Event	Time of Year	Location	Budgeted Cost
Fishing Derby	Early August	Lakefront Park	\$2000
Fall Bike Ride	Sept	Near one of the neighborhood parks	\$500
WinterFest	Late January	Ghesquire Park	\$12,300
Snow Creation Contest	Dec - Feb	Citywide - Residents participate from home!	\$200
SpringFest	April	(Tentative) Chene Trombley Park	\$2000
Spring Bike Ride	May-June	Near one of the neighborhood parks	\$500

Motion to request a FY 24-25 budget of \$17,500 to fund variety of recreation events for city residents in the city neighborhoods and parks.

Approval of motion

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

No: None

Absent:

- Spring event
 - Possible small-scale spring festival in Chene-Trombley Park
 - Can invite a few business, resupply the rock garden
 - tentatively May 4th

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mary Rogers from Avenue in the Woods explains that she is here to brainstorm ways to work with Recreation Commission to improve business community involvement in the city, especially after regular business hours
 - Discussed Avenue in the Woods having a table at WinterFest to distribute materials

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Approval of motion

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

No: None

Absent:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm.

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