

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DR., GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Vaughn
ABSENT: McConaghy

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte
City Attorney Walling
Treasurer/Comptroller Murphy
City Clerk Antolin
Assistant City Administrator Como
Director of Public Services Kowalski

Motion by Gafa, seconded by Koester, that Councilmember McConaghy, be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Vaughn, that the Committee-of-the-Whole move the meeting into the conference room in city hall.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

The Committee-of-the-Whole recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened in the conference room at 7:30 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 as presented.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, Vaughn

No: None

Absent: McConaghy

Tonight's meeting was regarding a **Chene-Trombley Park Update**. The City Administrator opened the discussion regarding the updates. He first thanked the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation (GPW Foundation) for the generous donation of \$70,575.00. He also mentioned that since more funds have been available, the scope of work for the tot-lot has increased. The project is bigger with more new equipment added.

John Vitale of Stucky Vitale Architects, provided an overview of the cost of the project. He stated that the project has grown since initially presented, items have been included that were not in the original proposal, which has increased expenses. However, the additions are not required and can be adjusted to accommodate the budget. As the project gets refined and actual bids are received, the actual costs will be more accurate.

Some of the additions added to the project include concrete borders around the play areas as a separation between play areas and the grass, rubber matting rather than a wood chip product, which was a preference of the donor, and a new swing area with an ADA compliant swing.

Other items included for the overall park project include:

Overall Park additions

- Security Camera System
- Grading
- Fencing
- Walkway around the park
- Pavilion
- Toilet rooms

Tot-Lot additions

- Rubber Matting vs. Wood Chip Product
- New Swing Area with ADA compliant swing
- Lower fencing for Tot-Lot area

Mr. Vitale provided an overview of the proposed site plan. He identified the various areas of the park and proposed changes. He stated that pavers are an option but expensive. He also discussed the fencing system with a higher fence protecting the entire park and a lower fence for the Tot-Lot area.

Mr. Vitale answered questions regarding the new swing area with ADA compliance and accessibility, security system installation, and tree removal.

Discussion ensued regarding the original budget (Approx. \$382,000) and the cost of the updated project proposal (\$531,432.84). The project expenses need to be more refined in order to adequately appropriate the funds.

The Committee referred back to the concept of phasing out parts of the project as a way to make necessary adjustments to accommodate the budget. Prioritizing certain portions of the project may be cost effective. Concerns of safety were addressed if phasing out parts of the project are considered.

The GPW Foundation suggested reaching out to the Ralph Wilson Foundation for any financial shortfalls that may be encountered. The importance of strategic planning for fundraising was discussed.

Administration will work with John Vitale and The GPW Foundation to refine the scope of the project and appropriately utilize the approximate \$453,000.00 (\$382,000 + \$71,000) budget. The information gathered will be brought back to the Committee-of-the-Whole.

A tentative Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be scheduled for November 21, 2022.

No one wished to be heard under New Business/Public Comment.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Antolin
City Clerk

Arthur W. Bryant
Mayor