



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
Monday, March 06, 2023 at 7:15 PM**

*Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center - Conference Room
20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313) 343-2440*

Mayor Arthur W. Bryant has called a meeting of the City Council, meeting as a Committee-of-the-Whole, for **Monday, March 6, 2023 at 7:15 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers/Municipal Court Room of the Municipal Building, 20025 Mack Plaza, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236 and is accessible through the Municipal Court doors. In accordance with Public Act 267, the meeting is open to the public and the agenda items are as follows:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**
 - A. [Park Improvement Proposal \(PIP\)](#)
 - [1. Memo 02/28/23 - Citizens' Recreation Commission](#)
 - [2. 2023 Park Improvement Proposal \(PIP\)](#)
 - [3. Citizens' Recreation Commission minutes excerpt 02/28/23](#)
 - B. Commission Members to be appointed to only one Commission unless under special exceptions approved by the Mayor and Council.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**

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City Attorney	Email Group/Media	



**MEMORANDUM
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
CITIZENS' RECREATION COMMISSION**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Citizens' Recreation Commission
SUBJECT: Park Improvement Proposal (PIP)
DATE: February 28, 2023

Dear Mayor Arthur Bryant and City Council Members:

In 2019, the nine-member Citizens' Recreation Commission performed a comprehensive onsite evaluation of four local parks. For each park, we assessed the safety, quality and condition of the existing structures and amenities. In 2023, the Commission reconvened to review the progress on the PIP and make updated recommendations for the parks in Grosse Pointe Woods. Since all proposed improvements for Chene-Trombley Park are currently being addressed, we focused on Ghesquiere Park, Lake Front Park, and Sweeney Park. In the attached report, we provide a summary of our findings and have highlighted deficiencies and safety repairs needed at these designated parks.

- Our parks represent an important investment in our community and one that will generate favorable outcomes, including: Attract future residents, especially young families
- Full utilization of park properties will allow for more recreational activities for our residents
- Positively impact the health and wellness of our residents
- Provide a safe and fun space for adolescents and young adults to enjoy
- Improve the safety, comfort and enjoyment of the parks, thereby increasing utilization
- Preserve our City's reputation as one of the top, safe, family-friendly places to live

Our overall analysis is that the parks in the City of Grosse Pointe Woods lack toddler age-appropriate equipment, gathering areas for larger groups outside of Lake Front Park, activities suited for adolescents and young adults, and full utilization of park properties.

We understand that the list of proposed enhancements is exhaustive and therefore, costs, staffing, and other factors will need to be assessed regarding project timing. A three-phase approach was initially suggested to accommodate for project timing. While we have areas of concern at all three parks in this updated improvement plan, we believe Ghesquiere Park has the most potential for improvement and recommend that phase two focus on Ghesquiere and the proposed enhancements outlined in the report.

We request that City Council review this report and further investigate the identified park enhancements. In addition, we welcome the opportunity to present our report in person and have a constructive discussion with you at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the proposed PIP, please contact the Citizens' Recreation Commission members.

We look forward to your feedback. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

attachment

Park Improvement Proposal

Ghesquiere Park

* Indicates a priority item

Location: Behind GPW City Hall, off Mack Ave between Kenmore and Huntington	
Current Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports venue, offering five baseball diamonds and lighted pickle ball courts. • Playground for children age 5-12. • Year-round rink for roller hockey and ice skating when weather permits. • Location of award-winning Winterfest in January.
Future Vision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand use for toddlers and seniors. • Optimize park patron comfort.
Existing Resident Perks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large space serving all residents with versatile functions • Indoor bathrooms. • New concession stands. • Ample parking in front and back of park.
Recommended Safety Repairs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add rubber safety padding (replace wood chips on playground lot.) • Add sign "No batting practice permitted near playground".
Proposed Enhancements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build a pavilion with picnic tables in the open green space to provide shade and additional seating area* • Add walking path around the perimeter of the park to increase usage of open space* • Add dog park to front of municipal complex, which would require additional fencing, bag dispenser, garbage can* • Add toddler playground equipment, ie. sand box, tunnel tubes, etc. • Install additional swings near playground. • Add Disc Golf course in field south and west of playground.

Park Improvement Proposal

Lake Front Park

* **Indicates a priority item**

Location: Lakeshore Drive and Marter

Current Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides various recreational activities for residents, including pool, marina, miniature golf, fishing, tennis, activity center. Location for annual city picnic and Hob Nobbin.
Future Vision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain quality and safety of park, with minor enhancements noted below.
Existing Resident Perks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year-round versatile recreational space. Ample parking. Swimming pools and lessons in the summer. Tennis courts and lessons in the summer. Boat wells. Kayak storage. Pickleball Courts
Recommended Safety Repairs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For playground: Add rubber safety padding (replace wood chips). Improve shade at mini golf course with umbrellas over the benches.
Proposed Enhancements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add splash pad or children's water play fountain* Add new cooking grills throughout the park* Resurface bocce ball and shuffleboard courts* Add toddler playground equipment Add more shaded areas around pool and create shade at the miniature golf course

Park Improvement Proposal

Sweeney Park

Location: Between Fairholme and Torrey at Holiday Road

Current Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a place for neighborhood children to play (age 5-12) • Offers ice rink in the winter.
Future Vision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer toddler-friendly play equipment. • Improve drainage issue.
Existing Resident Perks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large open space with plenty of shade. • Existing playground equipment and swings are in good condition.
Recommended Safety Repairs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add rubber padding to playground (replace wood chips).
Proposed Enhancements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve drainage. • Add toddler playground equipment.

Park Improvement Proposal

Chene-Trombley

Location: Corner of Mack Ave and Ridgemont (across from Licavoli's)	
Current Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a place for children to play (ages 5-12) • Offers ice rink in the winter
Future Vision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a play area specifically for toddlers (under 5). • Make it family and group-friendly for picnics. • Offer a walking path for fitness.
Existing Resident Perks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large open space that is contained by fencing. • Ample parking. • Close location near Mack Ave local businesses.
Recommended Safety Repairs:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix slide • Add rubber safety padding to playground (replace wood chips).
Proposed Enhancements (In Progress):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add toddler-friendly play equipment with a shade tent. • Add ¼ mile paved walking path around the perimeter of the park. • Add kids swings. • Add more picnic tables and benches. • Add double safety gate at entrance. Enhance entrance with a visually optimizing welcome sign. • Add bike racks. • Add drinking fountain and water bottle refill station. • Improve drainage. • Add signage to attract Mack Ave traffic. • Add attractive new fencing. • Make handicap-accessible.

Citizens' Recreation Commission
Minutes Excerpt 02/28/23

NEW BUSINESS:

Park Improvement Plan:

- Amanda Starkey presented the updated improvement plan for our parks.
 - Suggestion was made to keep Chene-Trombley improvements, *currently in the works*, as part of our plan until completed. We are very excited about the earnest in completing these improvements by all stakeholders including Council, DPW, the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation and their contributors.

MOTION: A motion was made by Amanda Starkey and seconded by Tony Rennpage to approve the final draft of the 2023 updated Park Improvement Plan.

Approval of motion

Yes: Janutol, Klotz, Rennpage, Starkey and York

No: None

Absent: Billingsley, Fratarolli, and Heim