



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

Monday, December 18, 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, December 18, 2023 at 7:15 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Conference 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) - Citizens' Recreation Commission

- 1) Memo 11/14/23 - Citizens' Recreation Commission
- 2) Proposal

B. Member Clothing Allowance - Citizens' Recreation Commission

- 1) Citizens' Recreation Commission Minutes Excerpt 10/10/23
- 2) City Council Minutes Excerpt 11/20/23

C. Walking Path Ghesquiere Park

- 1) Memo 12/15/23 - City Administrator
- 2) Three (3) Concept Plans

5. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT

6. ADJOURNMENT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 267 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT)
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**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: November 14, 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 October 2023, the Commission reviewed the progress on the PIP and updated recommendations for the parks in Grosse Pointe Woods. 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 Lakefront 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. We believe Ghesquire Park has the most potential for improvement and recommend that Ghesquire be the focus of the next large-scale park improvement project, in order to create a more widely used recreation and sports venue.

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

Ghesquire 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. ● Increase park recreation options
Existing Resident Perks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large space serving all residents with versatile functions ● Indoor bathrooms. ● 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 multi-use pavilion with regiferated ice rink for winter, and picnic tables to provide shade and additional seating area in spring/summer/fall* ● Add walking path around the perimeter of the park to increase usage of open space* ● Add Disc Golf course in field south and west of playground.* ● Update restrooms - add additional capacity, more central location*

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Install additional swings near playground.● Add toddler playground equipment, ie. sand box, tunnel tubes, etc.● Aesthetic signage at primary entrances to park - municipal lot and Jackson lot● Installing dedicated pickleball courts● Improvements to baseball and softball facilities: dugouts, batting cages |
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Lakefront Park

* Indicates a priority item

Location: Lakeshore Drive and Marter

Current Purpose:

- 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:

- Maintain quality and safety of park, with minor enhancements noted below.

Existing Resident Perks:

- 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:

- For playground: Add rubber safety padding (replace wood chips).
- Improve shade at mini golf course with umbrellas over the benches.

Proposed Enhancements:

- 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

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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.
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"> ● Add toddler playground equipment.*

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Chene-Trombly

Location: Corner of Mack Ave and Ridgmont (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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Add attractive new fencing. ● Make handicap-accessible.

Grosse Pointe Woods City Council 11/20/23
Minutes Excerpt

1) Item 6A3 - Citizens' Recreation Commission 10/10/23 with recommendations

Motion by Gafa, seconded by McConaghy, that the October 10, 2023 minutes of the Citizens' Recreation Commission be approved, but the recommendation for the \$850.00 Commission Member clothing allowance will be discussed at a future Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

No: None

Absent: Koester

Citizens' Recreation Commission
Minutes Excerpt 10/10/23

NEW BUSINESS:

- Commission Apparel - to help members be easily recognizable during multiple events during the year

Motion made by Klotz, second by Andrews - to request from council for Commission Member clothing funds not to exceed \$850 from Account #213-000-674.300

Approval of motion:

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

No: None

Absent: Fratarolli

Date: December 15, 2023
To: Mayor and Council
From: Frank Schulte, City Administrator *FS*
Subject: Walking Path Ghesquiere Park

In 2022 the Citizens Recreation Commission submitted a park improvement plan. Administration has been reviewing the recommended projects. After the successful Chene Trombley project, administration has been working with the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation to improve Ghesquiere Park, by adding a disc golf course and a new swing set with poured in place rubber matting, which is a current funding raising campaign.

Also, included in the 2022 park improvement plan was a walking path for Ghesquiere Park. Administration has been working with the city engineer AEW on walking path concepts. The proposed path would be 6 feet wide and made of asphalt.

Provided in your packet are three concepts. The new path is in red, and each concept plan is labeled at the top with estimated costs.

1. Concept #1 is 3,000 ft. total project cost \$475,000
2. Concept #2 is 2,900 ft. total project cost \$450,000
3. Concept #3 is 1,950 ft. total project cost \$360,000

Currently, administration is starting the budget process and if it is council's desire to move forward, and after review by Citizens Recreation Commission, administration could submit costs to the financial committee. Options for 2024-2025 budget could be funding entire project or in phases.



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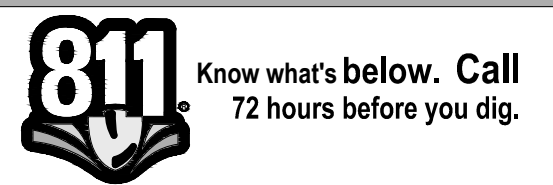
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DATE	SUBMITTALS/REVISIONS
PROJECT NAME:	
GHESQUIERE PARK PATH	
SHEET TITLE:	
CONCEPT PLAN 1	
CLIENT: CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS	
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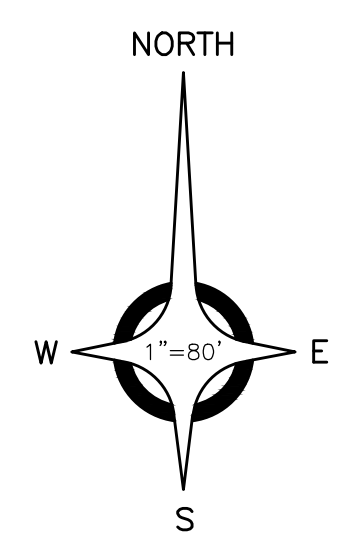
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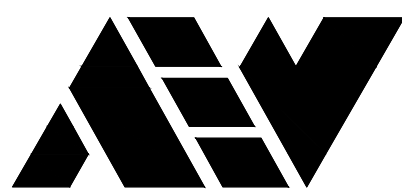
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CONCEPT PLAN 1
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING
ENGINEERING FEES: \$475,000





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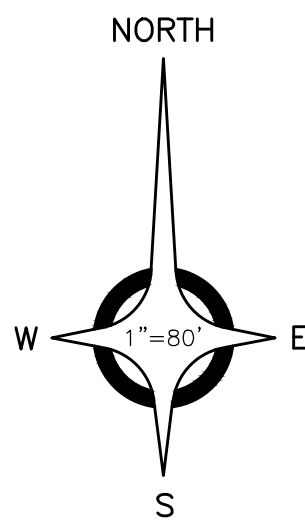
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CONCEPT PLAN 2
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING
ENGINEERING FEES: \$450,000



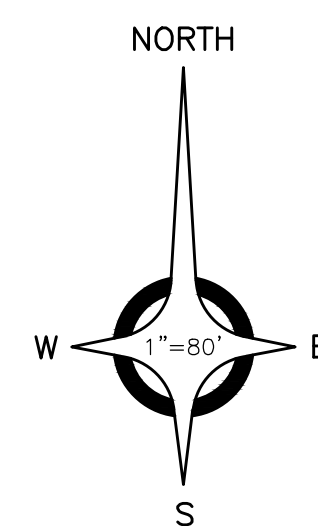


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CONCEPT PLAN 3
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST INCLUDING
ENGINEERING FEES: \$360,000



DATE	SUBMITTALS/REVISIONS

PROJECT NAME:

GHESQUIERE PARK PATH

SHEET TITLE

CONCEPT PLAN

STUDY 3

CLIENT:
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

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SCALE:

1" = 80'

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