

Grosse Pointe Shores  
Harbor Committee  
Minutes  
September 3, 2019

A Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Rd. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Seago.

**Roll Call**

Present: Committee Members: John Seago, Chairman, Committee Members Council  
Liaison Matt Seely, Karl Kratz

Absent: None

Also Present: Tom Krolczyk, Harbor Master, Prospective Committee Members Dan Bracciano, Michele Ramsdell, Dan Ritter, Donn Schroder and Dennis D'Hondt

All correspondence and reports relating to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of draft minutes of the April 11, 2018 Harbor Committee regular meeting. On Motion by Kratz and seconded by Seely; unanimously approved.

**Harbor Master Report**

Krolczyk reported that the harbor is in need of decking for the long pier docks that have deteriorated substantially over the last year and have reached out to Biewer Lumber for wholesale pricing per the previous legal agreement. Krolczyk also stated there are still three non-compliant boats and he will reach out to them by letter.

**Old Business**

Seago inquired about the damaged seawall from a previous boat accident and inquired about the raised pilings in the harbor. Krolczyk responded that Director Schulte has reached out to the insurance company for wall repair and that the pilings won't be looked at until spring of 2020.

**New Business**

Introduction of new Harbor Committee members; Dan Bracciano, Michele Ramsdell, Dan Ritter and Donn Schroder. It was also noted that Committee Member Bruce Vollmer has turned in his resignation to the Harbor Committee.

Kayak Storage fees-motion by Schroder to approve anyone renting a kayak space in 2019 to receive a space in 2020 due to the highwater levels and sandbagging of the park.

Non-Resident Boat Well Rates-Committee Members discussed the current non-resident fees for boat well rentals and determined that they would like to increase the rate to 50% more than a resident's normal rate depending on the current rates at the public marinas in the area. Motion by Ramsdell, seconded by Bracciano; unanimously approved.

Motion by Bracciano to restrict non-resident boaters to the Grosse Pointes only and that residents with non-resident co-owners be charged accordingly, seconded by Kratz; unanimously approved.

Boat Compliance-Seago stated that there has been a lot of progress in boat compliance over the last few years, however there are still a few boats that have to be moved. Krolczyk responded that he would send out letters in the renewals stating that the occupants would need to move to a larger well. He would also include a letter to boatowners about the updated rule changes. Krolczyk to check with Rhonda about electrical costs to see if the bills for the harbor are being covered.

Non-Resident Boater Park Pass Parameters-Seely stated that the non-resident list needs to be checked to get a feel if the non-resident passes are being abused and should be for immediate family. Members also discussed that it should be two passes per non-resident boat for primary owners only.

Future meeting agenda items for discussion-Krolczyk passed out the current park and harbor rules to members and Seago asked if Krolczyk could send out the park and harbor rules in word format to each member so they can make their recommended changes.

**Committee Member Comments-** Seely mentioned the Open Meetings Act Rules and that he would draft rules for future Committee and Commission members to follow.

Ritter stated there is a steel beam passed the end of his dock that could cause damage to boats.

D'Hondt mentioned that some of the wells that are inactive are covered in bird droppings.

Schroder made a motion after Commissioners discussion to eliminate the Buy-A-Home Get-A-Well Deal, seconded by Bracciano; unanimously approved.

**Public Comment-** None

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Harbor Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2019.

Future meeting agenda items to include Harbor rules and resident and non-resident boat well rentals.

**Adjournment**

The Grosse Pointe Shores Harbor Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on motion by Seago and supported by Schroder; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Krolczyk  
Harbor Master