

**Grosse Pointe Shores
Parks Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, August 20, 2019**

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Rd. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Committee Chairperson.

Roll Call:

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Joe Cipriano, Council Liaison Doug Kucyk, John Mueller, Virginia Rice and Tom Mellos

Absent: Committee Member Kathy Mermiges (Excused)

Also Present: GPS Public Works Director Brett Smith, Brett Marshall-GPSIF, Park Manager Alison Scarfone, Residents Lynn Kurtz and Fran Bachman

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the May 7, 2019 Parks Committee regular meeting minutes on motion by Kucyk, seconded by Rice and unanimously approved.

DPW Update:

Brett Smith stated that the gatehouse punchlist items are underway with some small items remaining.

He updated the Committee on the bathhouse lockerooms - First part of the floor mats have been installed and so far working. Need to determine the best way to maintain and cleaning methods.

Cleaning has improved greatly, no smell.

New Cleaning supplies are being used and working well.

Alison suggested using a porter to take over cleaning during the three peak months at the park and need to maintain a standard of clean. She suggested Triple F Cleaning Services. There are still cleaning issues to be addressed related to the new mats and will wait until more are installed until we know how well they work.

Brett stated goose sightings in the park have been way down and suggested keeping extra staff at the park.

GPSIF /Beautification Update:

Brett Marshall stated the Tot Lot expected install date will be at the end of September. The delay was due to the extreme high water in the park this spring and summer.

Brett stated the Foundation is reviewing a new pickle ball court for next season.

Brett stated the Beautification Committee is making adjustments to gardens based on water conditions and stated two beds need to be removed around the outlooks and suggested to move them to the other side of the walkway. Brett Smith stated DPW will pull out the metal edging that needs to be removed. Mr. Marshall stated there is \$5,000 designated for flowers.

Park & Harbor Update:

Joe Cipriano stated there are deck boards in the marina that are looking very weathered and need to be replace. Brett Smith and DPW will review.

New Business:

The committee discussed having two certified dogs only act as geese chasers.

Motion by Cipriano and seconded by Rice that dogs should be leashed at all times in the park during the winter months. Offenders caught, will be banned from bringing their dogs to the park and will be ticketed by police. This excludes the two certified geese chasing dogs.

Public Comment:

Resident Lynn Kurtz suggested moving the exterior park sign to the new entrance. Brett Smith stated DPW will handle moving the sign. She also suggested to have a stop sign at the exit or bring back the traffic light.

Lynn suggested the foundation attend future parks committee meetings to improve the partnership. Cipriano responded this practice is already in place and the foundation has had a seat open and have attended every meeting. Lynn also asked how the data for park entry and demographics is being used.

Alison will discuss the demographics at the next committee meeting.

Committee Member Comments:

Committee member John Mueller commented on the parking issues during the Woods/Shores Little League baseball games. They will send out a memo to all parents addressing the concerns.

Committee member Kucyk suggested looking into different activities at the park like trips to Stratford Theatre and others. He discussed the missing swim fins at the pool. Suggested we add a new parking lot along the soccer field and have the league donate towards. He also commented that the soccer club does not pay to play at our facility and stated the Farms charges \$100 per game and suggested we should consider charging for use.

Alison stated she will be leaving October 20th to the 27th and will miss the Halloween party if it is kept on it's scheduled date and will ask for it to be rescheduled.

Next Meeting Date - TBD

Adjournment

The Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on a motion by Cipriano and seconded by Kucyk, unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted, Joe Cipriano, Committee Chair