

Grosse Pointe Shores
Parks and Harbor Committee
Minutes
November 10, 2015

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks and Harbor Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in the Grosse Pointe Shores Council Chambers, 795 Lake Shore Road.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Barrette.

Roll Call

Present: Committee Members: Bruce Kopf, Burnie Pemberton, Doug Kucyk, Alissa McMann, Bruce Vollmer, Joe Cipriano, Kathy Mermiges, Bob Barrette Chairman & Council Liaison

Absent: Committee Member, Frank Tenkel (Excused)

Also Present: Tom Krolczyk, Harbor Master, John Schulte, Public Safety Director, Mark Wollenweber, City Manager

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion by Kucyk and supported by Kopf to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015 Special meeting, with changes, unanimously approved. A motion by Kucyk and seconded by Pemberton to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015 Regular meeting. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- GPYC Renovation- Barrette informed the Commission that Council approved phases 1A and 1B and the relocation of the fuel tanks at the September 15, 2015 Council meeting.

New Business: -

- Second Pavilion Update- Barrette stated the Parks & Harbor Committee had recommended approval of the second pavilion but would like to do a walk-thru of the park at the December 9, 2015 meeting to review other possible locations.
- Dog Park Expansion and Swipe Card Access- Chief Schulte stated he is currently checking into gate access to the dog park including key fob access. Kopf suggested it would be a good idea to distribute the key fobs through the dog licensing process. Resident Zade stated that she has received complaints about the dog park regarding flooding and too much shade. Her idea was to move the dog park to the northeast corner

of the City property and extend the parking lot into the existing dog park area and install cameras to monitor parking. Resident Booth suggested a combination lock would be a cheaper alternative. Kucyk stated that leveling off the existing dog park would improve drainage. A lengthy discussion amongst the Committee regarding possible dog park locations took place. Resident Gesell stated a possible solution would be to contact Albert Kahn for their input because they designed the current Park & Harbor Master Plan. Cipriano offered to show possible locations using the CAD software that is available to him so Committee members could get a visual perspective. He also stated he would contact Albert Kahn for dimension information.

- Park & Pavilion Guest Policies-

Kopf asked Krolczyk if an updated version of the Facility Use Policy could be added to the website reflecting the Pavilion Rental fees, since the current one is out of date. Resident Booth added that concerns should be emailed to the Mayor and it seems that there are many non-residents in attendance in the park on weekends. The Chief added that everyone is checked by the gate attendant by park pass or face recognition. Kopf suggested that there should be a guest list for large parties at the gate. McMann added that she like to be provided with a friendly experience upon entering the gate and not feel needs to be carded every time she enters. Vollmer inquired if the pavilion itself is generating a parking problem. The Chief stated there are parking problems on weekends due to the larger numbers. Resident Booth inquired about the 53% corporate usage figure of the pavilion. Krolczyk stated he did not have the report on hand but will look into that number. Barrette stated that they are shooting for a February approval on the amended Park & Harbor Rules for 2016 and he would provide the Committee members a copy of the rules at the next meeting. He also asked if the City Intern could attend the next meeting to format and amend the rules. Kopf and McMann also stated the park has expanded over the years and the parking has not and that is where the parking issue lies.

- Harbor Weed Control-

Krolczyk stated he would be meeting with Steve Hanson from Pond and Lake Management along with Alex Turner, Harbor Master of GPYC about adding a pre-emergent to the harbor to stop the weeds from growing.

Public Comment

- Resident Hage thinks that the Committee has a handle on the park situation and commended the Committee. He also stated that the tennis courts condition should be addressed. Barrette commented it is being addressed.
- Resident Kurtz added that it would be well served to see professional planners for assistance in the park Master Plan.
- Resident Booth agrees with Resident Kurtz and along with Resident Zade on a City Fundraiser to raise funds to replace the tennis courts similar to the one Grosse Pointe North High School did.
- Chief Schulte stressed the fact that a Park Director is needed to manage the park as it was in the past starting in March and not in June.

- Barrette discussed with Committee members that Full Circle will be taking all the work load of the concession stand for the 2016 season and looking into different menu items.
- Member discussion on possible Park Master Plan changes.

Committee Member Comments - None

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks and Harbor Committee meeting—Wednesday, December 9, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m., Park Pool Office.

Adjournment

The Grosse Pointe Shores Parks and Harbor Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m. on motion by McMann and supported by Kucyk.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Krolczyk,
Harbor Master, Committee Member