

Grosse Pointe Shores
Parks and Harbor Committee
Minutes
July 12, 2016

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks and Harbor Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Rd. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Barrette.

Roll Call

Present: Committee Members: Burnie Pemberton, Bruce Vollmer, Frank Tenkel, Bruce Kopf, Bob Barrette-Chairman

Absent: Kathy Mermiges, John Seago, Joe Cipriano

Also Present: Tom Krolczyk, Harbor Master, Brett Smith, DPW 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 Tenkel and supported by Kopf to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2016 regular meeting, and a motion by Vollmer and supported by Pemberton to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2016 regular meeting with changes; unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Harbor Weed Control, Harvester Update-Krolczyk reported the City is waiting on a check from the GPYC. Once payment is received, the Harvester will be shipped on July 15th.
- Well Update- Krolczyk reported there are seven open wells at this time; one forty foot and six 35 foot wells are available.
- Soccer Field Usage-Barrette stated he sent a letter to the GPSA requesting an updated player roster. Kopf stated that there should be restricted field usage on dates of swim meets to cut down on overcrowded parking lots. Kopf also stated there was barely enough parking at the last swim meet against G P Farms and the grass parking is very unorganized. Brett Smith to have the grass area striped before the next swim meet.
- Park & Harbor Rules Discussion-Tenkel would like to change the policy on the ability to reserve the pavilion on holidays as he noted it was not occupied on Memorial Day or July 4th. He also stated that he feels the guest list requirement is deterring people from making picnic reservations and persons not listed on the list have been turned away and feels that rule should be changed.

New Business:

- Temporary Gate Checkpoint-Tenkel stated that it is an embarrassment to make non-residents that are guests of a resident at an event, to park across the street when the parking lot is not at full capacity. He believes it is a waste of time and a bad idea. In response, Barrette stated they were going to keep the gate idea through Labor Day so they could provide the Parks-Blue Ribbon Committee with details of their findings. Kopf concurred with Tenkel stating that we should not be treating our guests so badly and the idea of the temporary gate check point was never brought to the Park & Harbor Committee for discussion.
- 2016 Garden Tour Review-Barrette stated the 2016 Garden Tour was very successful and we were one of nine sights included in the tour which started at Grosse Pointe Park. He will provide attendance numbers at the next meeting and noted that all work for the tour was conducted by volunteers.

Committee Member Comments: Tenkel commented that there was a problem with the walkway on Lakeshore Rd. crossing over to the park during the construction and feels the conditions are unsafe. Wollenweber responded that they are the worst contractors the City has ever dealt with and there has been a slip and fall incident at the site already to date. Tenkel also stated there were no police officers at the park after the fireworks on July 4th and he was concerned that the traffic light was blinking and not running normally to control traffic.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks and Harbor Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Shores Council Chambers, 795 Lake Shore Rd.

Adjournment

The Grosse Pointe Shores Parks and Harbor Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. on motion by Kopf and supported by Vollmer; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Krolczyk
Harbor Master