

Grosse Pointe Shores  
Parks and Harbor Committee  
Minutes  
October 18, 2016

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks and Harbor Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, October 18, 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, Joe Cipriano, Doug Kucyk, Bruce Kopf, Bob Barrette-Chairman

Absent: John Seago, Kathy Mermiges

Also Present: Tom Krolczyk, Harbor Master

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 Pemberton to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 Regular meeting with changes; unanimously approved.

**Old Business:**

- Weed Control – Krolczyk noted that the harbor weeds are not as bad as last year and that a new schedule for harvesting for the first full season next year and will be extended through October.
- Security Cameras- Commissioners discussed security cameras at the park with questions including how long is stores the video and if they can be added outside the restrooms.
- Decking- Barrette noted that some of the old decking is still deteriorating and that it will be replaced this winter starting with the worst docks first.
- Park Gates- Barrette stated the park gates are being secured at 7:00 p.m. during the off-season hours.
- Dog Park Drinking Fountain- Barrette noted that the dog park drinking fountain has been delivered and won't be installed until next spring because it is so late in the season and would have to be winterized.

**New Business:**

- Facility Use Update-Barrette asked Commissioners for amendments to the current Facility Use Policy and also noted changes would include no organized Soccer during the summer months on weekends. Kopf noted that there should be an exception noted in the policy in case the approved Soccer Association needs the fields during the off season.

- Tennis Court Relocation- Barrette stated that the approximate cost of the new tennis courts is \$304,000 which does not include electrical. To Keep the courts in the same location the cost is approximately \$200,000. Tenkel noted that he thinks the estimates are low because they are not taking into consideration trees and landscaping. Barrette stated that \$262,000 is currently allocated for the courts; previous donations from private donors have not yet been secured. Commissioners discussed options of where the money could be used in the park other than on the tennis courts and where the current mil rates are for the City. Barrette explained that the mil rate was continued are not increased for the parks and Kopf also noted that maybe the courts can re-done in their current location and parking addressed instead of moving courts to a new location. Kopf also noted that he would be on board with the move if the City could secure private donations for the extra cost. Cipriano questioned Barrette on what power the Parks and Harbor Committee really has on which Barrette replied that the committee only makes recommendations to City Council. Kopf also noted that the Mayor and Council should be invited to the next \*meeting so that we can explain our proposal to refurbish the courts in the present location. There are residents that donate to other communities' projects and maybe they could be approached to contribute to this project. Cipriano stated that he liked the plan but it is not a "must have" but a "want" and that the courts should stay where they are currently. Motion by Cipriano and seconded by Vollmer to improve current conditions by removing and replacing the tennis courts in the current location and add parking on the west side of Lake Shore as recommended by the Park & Harbor Committee at its May 10, 2016 meeting. Unanimously approved; Kucyk and Barrette abstained. Cipriano stated that there should be more free weekly events like Music in the Park or other activities to use the green space in the park.

**Committee Member Comments:** None

**Public Comment:**

**Next Meeting Date**

The next Parks and Harbor Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 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 10:55 a.m. on motion by Kopf and supported by Kucyk; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Krolczyk  
Harbor Master

\*Amended

