

Grosse Pointe Shores
Parks and Harbor Committee
Minutes
September 13, 2016

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks and Harbor Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 13, 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, Joe Cipriano, Doug Kucyk, Kathy Mermiges, Bob Barrette-Chairman

Absent: John Seago

Also Present: Tom Krolczyk, Harbor Master, John Schulte Public Safety Director, Brett Smith DPW Director, Mark Wollenweber City Manager, Resident Lech Ruprecht

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 Cipriano to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2016 Special meeting; unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Krolczyk reported that the Aqua Harvester is working very well for the harbor.
- Barrette stated security cameras will be installed after the Lake Shore/Vernier Rd. intersection project is complete to monitor the park entrance.
- Barrette stated that soccer attendance was slightly higher because some teams were using the field without permission and were not part of Grosse Pointe Soccer. He also stated that the usage of non-Grosse Pointe team problem has been resolved.
- Tenkel stated that parking lot on the west side of Lake Shore Rd. is still a problem even though it is being downplayed.

New Business:

- Barrette commented that park attendance has dropped considerably; 6,000 less than last year. Vollmer commented that if attendance is down why should we spend money on improvements. Vollmer also asked what would the next steps be if Council approved the cost estimates for the tennis courts. Barrette responded that he thinks it will go out for specific pricing and bids at that point.
- Tenkel and Cipriano discussed the moving of the tennis courts and how much back-fill will be required to grade it correctly.

- Barrette reported that a drinking fountain for the dog park is under construction and currently there is approximately 40 dog park key fobs issued.
- Barrette stated that the pool diving board is too much of a safety liability to consider replacement.
- Barrette commented on the harbor decking and reported that it continues to be a problem and will need to be replaced soon. Tenkel also noted that the concrete seawall is continually cracking around the handrail mounts.

Committee Member Comments: None

Public Comment: Resident Ruprecht stated he thought the newly proposed tennis court area would be a bad idea because of the amount of cars that crash through the fence area and would end up on the tennis courts. He also stated that the courts are not needed and all that is really needed is a practice wall and they should concentrate their efforts on a movie theatre.

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks and Harbor Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 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 11:15 a.m. on motion by Kucyk and supported by Cipriano; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Krolczyk
Harbor Master