

**VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES, A MICHIGAN CITY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - A monthly meeting of the City Council of Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City was held on Tuesday, July, 2019 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Kedzierski.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL – Clerk Bruce Nichols

Present: Mayor Thaddeus Kedzierski, Council Members Robert H. Barrette, Bruce Bisballe, Tina Ellis, Robert E. Gesell, Doug Kucyk and Matthew Seely

Absent: none

Also present: City Clerk Bruce Nichols
City Attorney Brian Renaud
Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts
Public Safety Director John Schulte
Public Works Director Brett Smith
City Manager Mark Wollenweber

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 18, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

On Motion of Council Member Kucyk, seconded by Council Member Barrette, the minutes of the meeting were approved unanimously.

5. RECEIVE AND FILE VARIOUS BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS MINUTES

On Motion of Council Member Ellis, seconded by Council Member Seely, the various committee and commission minutes were approved unanimously to be received and filed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

7. PROCLAMATION- 2019 Legacy on the Lake Honoree, Mary & Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.

The Mayor and City Council desiring to honor Mary Wilson and the late Ralph C Wilson, Jr. as the 2019 Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce Legacy on the Lake award recipients, and recognizing their deep commitment to the Grosse Pointe community and legacy of philanthropy throughout the Detroit metropolitan area, presented a proclamation to Mary Wilson celebrating and congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Wilson on their outstanding achievements and the latest honor given them. Mayor Kedzierski presented the

proclamation to Mary Wilson, who graciously accepted the proclamation and expressed her appreciation for such recognition.

8. **PRESENTATION-** Grosse Pointe Kiwanis Chapter, Alan Lowenthal & Deborah Renshaw addressed City Council about the reestablishment of the local Kiwanis Chapter. They explained their organizational objectives are to provide benefits for children.
9. **PRESENTATION-** Grosse Pointe Public Library Trustee Prudence Cole reported on the five-year strategic plan, the capital planning assessment, status of the three library branches, the cost of capital upgrades and financial results for the 2018 through 2019 year.

10. REPORTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- A. **Budget and Finance** – Finance Officer/Treasurer Rhonda Ricketts reported auditors will be arriving soon, in conjunction with the June 30th fiscal year end. A \$20,000 check was issued to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club in technical noncompliance with the \$10,000 threshold requiring Council approval.

On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, and passed unanimously, Council retroactively ratified and confirmed the transfer of \$20,000 to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club.

1. **Approval of Bills.** On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Kucyk, the approval of the bills passed unanimously.
 2. **Finance Committee Chairman Report,** Bruce Bisballe reported the Finance Committee did not meet in July. The city collected \$790,000 in receipts and expenditures of \$750,000 with \$33,000 in costs to complete the park renovations. The new gatehouse has increased our park ranger monthly cost approximately \$5,000 in staffing the gatehouse. Discussion ensued among Council and administration regarding staffing of the municipal park within budget constraints.
- B. **Public Safety** – Chief John Schulte reported on an identity theft which resulted in the fraudulent purchase of a motor vehicle. The telephone solicitation of personal information for cybercrime continues. There were also multiple reports of fake calls from the Internal Revenue Service. Lt. William Nicholson is retiring. Jeffrey Riball is the new candidate for public safety officer; and he will begin 17 weeks of training in August. A very large Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Regatta is upcoming. Grosse Pointe Shores Public Safety officers assist the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, and the Ford House during these types of events. The Fourth of July fireworks event at Osius Park went very well.
 - C. **Public Works** – Brett Smith reported high water levels have provided multiple challenges. The Milk River overflow has been causing flooding from the storm water drains. Mr. Smith complimented the abilities of our new Park Manager, Allison Scarfone. Problems continue with the maintenance of the municipal park bath house. Colonial Road must be milled and re-paved as the paving quality was not acceptable. Belle Meade has paving quality problems due to cold weather construction. The lift

station generator on the north end of the city is nearing installation.

- D. **Parks Committee**- Chairman Joe Cipriano explained how the park bath house floor tiles are not allowing water to drain off. A possible remedy is a rubber floor mat for the locker rooms and shower area. The bath house ceilings are in need of renovation. The bath house floor, ceiling renovation, and showerheads can be updated for approximately \$15,000. Circulated air movement would help to alleviate wet floor problems in the bath house locker room.

Park Director Allison Scarfone addressed Council with her concerns regarding the locker room.

On motion of Council Member Seely, seconded by Council Member Ellis, a resolution passed to spend not more than \$15,000 for immediate bath house renovations. The motion passed 4-3 with Council Members Kucyk, Gesell, and Bisballe voting against the motion.

- E. **Harbor Committee**- Chairman John Seago reported the Marina currently has six (6) empty wells. Sandbagging has prevented the park from flooding due to the highwater level. Council member Ellis voiced concern over entry of non-residents into the park through boats in the harbor.

- F. **Infrastructure Report**- Bob Barrette reported Wayne County has commenced the marking of roadways in anticipation of the bidding process for the seawall.

- G. **Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation**- President Brett Marshall, reported the Foundation has purchased a replacement for the missing swim starter.

- H. **Legal Report** – City Attorney Brian Renaud reported on having provided the following legal services during the previous month.

Consultation regarding dispatch/lockup facilities, review of a letter objecting to the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on a constitutional basis, a FOIA request for election records, a public safety officer grievance, retiree health care issues, seawall maintenance issues, and review of engineering materials regarding the seawall.

- I. **Manager's Report** – City Manager Mark Wollenweber reported on finding 1927 minutes of the Grosse Pointe Shores City Council, which made references to private property rights, and various responsibilities for maintenance of the road and seawall. The city is seeking a representative to be appointed for our city to attend the upcoming Michigan Municipal League Annual Meeting in Detroit. The Internet Wi-Fi at the municipal Park is operational.

11. OLD BUSINESS – None

12. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Budgets and Budgetary Compliance Policies and Procedures

The Government Finance Officers Association and the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association recommends that each municipality have in place a policy in regard to budgets and budgetary compliance policy. On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, Council approved the budgets and budgetary compliance policy as submitted and proposed by administration.

B. SMART/PAATS FY 2020 Municipal & Community Credits Approval

On motion of Council Member Barrette, seconded by Council Member Bisballe, and carried unanimously, Council approved the transfer of \$2,964 in municipal credit funds and \$4,482 in community credit funds to SMART/PATTS which would be available for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. The City Manager was authorized to sign and process the agreement.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Richard Russell had issues regarding weed control at the Deeplands project, and the manner in which public safety officer activities were conducted regarding the enforcement of the weed ordinance.

Rick Perry expressed his difficulty regarding late night waterfront noise, unsafe activities, and the continuing nuisance caused by offshore watercraft.

Ginny Rice also told Council of her concerns about shoreline nuisances and security issues.

Harry Kurtz had a question regarding golf outings which were previously held by members of the Grosse Pointe Shores community.

Harbor Committee Chairman John Seago expressed appreciation for the park gatehouse; and he also had questions about winter road construction.

14. COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Council Member Seely emphasized that the municipal park is our jewel; and the bath house /locker room renovations are appropriate.

Council Member Ellis remarked about Grosse Pointe Park City Manager Dale Krajniak comparing their municipal park to a private club. She also expressed concern with the offshore nuisances which are disturbing lakefront residents.

15. MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Kedzierski reported the last swim meet will occur this upcoming week. The Fishing Derby is also scheduled this week. Both the July 4th fireworks event and Splash Party were well organized and very successful. The annual camp out at the park is coming up. Mayor Kedzierski met with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and talked about the seawall problem in both Grosse Pointe Shores and Detroit's Jefferson Chalmers District. The Mayor expressed condolences to the family on the passing of resident Bob Liggett.

16. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS (Tues,8/20/19-7 pm & Tues, 9/17/19 -7pm)

17. NOTE DATES OF FUTURE TOWN HALL MEETINGS (Sat, 9/14/19-10am)

18. ADJOURNMENT - On motion of Council Member Bisballe, seconded by Council Member Ellis, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R Nichols
City Clerk