

Village of Grosse Pointe Shores
Parks Blue Ribbon Committee
Minutes
June 23, 2016

The Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Blue Ribbon Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2016 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shores Rd. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Tina Ellis.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Tina Ellis, Committee Members Joyce Jacobs, Laurie Hanna, Brett Marshall, Patsy Quinlan, Jeff Quinlan and John Booth.

Also Present: Parks & Harbor Committee Liaison, Robert Barrette and Albert Kahn Landscape Architect Riccardo Pappini.

Absent: Committee Members Brett Smith & Tom Lauzon, GPYC

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

Introduction of Committee Members

Each Member present introduced themselves and gave a brief background of their related position to the board.

Approval of minutes of the June 7, 2016 meeting on motion by John Booth and seconded by Brett Marshall, unanimously approved.

Presentation & Review of Draft Revised Master Plan by Albert Kahn – Riccardo Pappini, Landscape Architect

Old Business: Re-cap of Albert Kahn Draft Master Plan- Riccardo presented the previously presented plans for the benefit of new committee members. In addition, new plans were shown that showed different scenes of tennis court locations and park entrance possibilities. It was decided the original phase 2 parking proposal would be deleted due to the fact that too many spaces would be lost and disruption of current facilities is not warranted. Additional drafts were presented with the tennis courts moved to the currently undeveloped land west of the current covered pavilion. At this time, several conversations were voiced as to placement of courts to enhance green space, enhance park foot traffic flow, minimal disruption to current facilities and overall park aesthetics.

- Tennis Court Repairs- Committee member, Booth distributed current tennis court numbers in each Grosse Pointe municipality per population. In addition, Booth inquired if 4 courts were necessary. He asked what type of tournaments were held and if current usage warranted 4 courts. It was discussed that because of current court condition they are probably not being played upon to its highest capacity.

New Business: Secretary appointment-it was voiced that we need to select a Secretary to take minutes from our committee due to the fact that meetings will be held in the evening. A request was made by Ellis. There was no interest by committee members so Ellis made the motion to appoint herself as Secretary and Laurie Hanna seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Public Comment

Riccardo Pappini will go back and draw new plans to incorporate thoughts and ideas heard this evening.

Committee Member Comments

Several members voiced opinions that a more defined definition of what exactly the role of the committee is as required by Council. Member Booth discussed the lack of shade in the splash pad and the desire to protect the current green space. Member Hanna highlighted that the Committee needs a plan before recommendations for improvement plans are made. Member Jeff Quinlan revised some drafts from Albert Kahn in relation to moving the tennis courts. It was also suggested by Member Booth to have SEMCOG contacted for consulting on constructing a deceleration lane into the park for security. It was also suggested that members talk to City Manager, Mark Wollenweber and DPW Director, Brett Smith for civil engineer firms to look at a new park entrance feasibility.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grosse Pointe Shores Park Pavilion (800 Lake Shore Road).

Adjournment

The Grosse Pointe Shores Park Blue Ribbon Committee meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. on motion duly supported and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tina Ellis
Chairman

