

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 4 PM in the Park Pavilion. The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Committee Members: Chairman Joe Cipriano, Tom Mellos, Donna Zade, William Raffoul

Absent: Marlene Smith

Also Present: City Manager, Steve Poloni, Public Works Director, Michael Way, Pool Manager, Jen Serra, GPSIF Liaison, Brett Marshall, City Council Liaison, Matt Seeley, Harbor Committee Liaison, Donn Schroder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the April 15, 2021 Parks Committee Minutes on motion by Zade, seconded by Mellos and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Debrief 2021 Park Seasonal Operations:

Jen stated there were issues this summer with park passes and guests. She recommended that the park pass guest policy should be reviewed and cleared up. There were several issues with excessive numbers of people using the tennis courts and the pool when no clear resident was present. Issues arise with guests on boats using park facilities during peak summer weekends. Park pass control was discussed for tennis and pickle courts. Steve said guards should be more invested regarding who is entering the park as guests. Donn suggested non - residents should park across the street. Donna suggested residents provide a guest list to the gate before entering the park. Steve said it should be up to residents to monitor guests. Steve and Jen will discuss park pass monitoring improvement.

Jen reported there were no covid restriction issues even though the pool was short staffed. The locker rooms had the same old issues- poor ventilation, ceiling peeling, smell. The pool structural issues still exist. Steve and Mike are going to meet on Wednesday to discuss pool and building improvements and a time line.

Matt suggested Jen be promoted to director.

Matt asked if food could be improved at the park. He suggested Gordon Foods or a food truck. Woods has Coney Island. GPS does not have the volume to make it profitable for these venues. It was suggested to just contract the restaurants on weekends or Holiday weekends. Bill said he would look into it after we have procured the numbers data. We will continue to contract with Full Circle. Jen suggested to let residents know that a food truck is present by putting it on the calendar.

Identify Future Park Improvements:

City Manager Steve Poloni provided everyone with an updated architectural site plan which included current and future park projects. The new pickle courts are almost completed. Lights between the tennis and pickle courts have to be redirected. Money for an awning over the patio has been approved. The new continuous walking path has been put on hold due to slope, material choice, and cost. Mike said drainage has been installed around the path. The walking path has been completed from outlooks to pickle courts. The outlooks and surrounding pavers must be repaired due to wind and water damage. Matt suggested metal tubing and caps instead of wood posts on outlooks. Trex vs cement was suggested for flooring on the 3 outlooks. Mike will research price. Gardens will have to be moved and pavers relocated.

Brett said guards have difficulty seeing over pine trees on central parking lot median. He is addressing that issue. Mike said the old backboards near yacht club fence have to be taken down. Sand has been dumped for volley ball courts. Posts and nets are going in. Copper pipe has replaced old plastic tubing so dog park water fountain is functioning again. Fencing at entrance gate must be replaced.

New proposed projects are; new continuous walking path - new gazebo- new community center and pool renovation.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

The GPS Parks Committee was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. on motion by Cipriano, seconded by Serra.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Zade

