

GROSSE POINTE SHORES

PARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting was held on March 9, 2021 via zoom. The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by the Committee Chairperson.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: William Raffoul, Marlene Smith

Also Present: City Manager, Steve Poloni, Pool Director, Jen Serra, GPSIF Liaison, Dan Fleming, Public Works Director, Michael Way, Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League Field Committee member, Paul Stapleton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the January 12, 2021 Parks Committee meeting minutes on motion by Mellos, seconded by Cipriano and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revised Park Master Plan Update:

A revised Park Master Plan was discussed extensively at the last meeting. City Council Liaison, Matt Seely was not present to give an update. Dan Fleming will present pickle ball court and path estimates to GPSIF at their next meeting on Monday for approval. Dan said Mike Way and DPW will complete construction of the volley ball court. If GPSIF approves estimate of pickle ball courts and path on Monday, the work should be completed by end of summer. The exact layout of the path and placement of the courts will be confirmed by Mike Way. Joe thanked GPSIF and DPW for their support.

Steve gave an update on the sea wall. The large hole near the Wilson residence has been repaired. All holes could not be fixed because of ice melt. Tony Spina will dive in the lake to look for some pieces that fell in the lake. Further repairs will be completed when the lake freezes again because it is easier to repair from the lake side.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Park Update:

Jen said the pool will open Memorial Day weekend. The hours will be similar to last year. Once the new state mandates are released, Jen can release the updated schedule. The covid cleaning and sanitizing will continue. Swim team and swim lessons will hopefully resume this season. Baby pool should open,

but is staff dependent. New life guards will be hired and trained. Pool and pump house repairs should last another season. A new pool was discussed at the last meeting. There will be vending machines but Full Circle is not comfortable with providing food service yet. Pace clock estimate is \$2,000 and should be approved.

The ice rink was a success and will be open again next year. It will be stored for summer. Mike Way will check to see if the Schroeder Field House can remain open for skaters to use moving forward.

Steve Poloni said all gate guards are returning. CPR training is available. The water levels are down and the pool painting will be completed with new paint. An abbreviated Easter egg hunt is scheduled. Mike said the parking lot will be striped.

Paul Stapleton joined the meeting to discuss Woods-Shores Little League. Practice will begin in late March. There will be a full season. Maintenance and repair issues were discussed. Grass needs to be cut twice a week instead of once. A sod cutter is required around the bases. Concrete is required around benches. Paul will submit a plan for the concrete. Mike Way said DPW will help with maintenance and will follow up with immediate needs. Mike will also provide Brett Marshalls' contact info to Paul. Paul said fund raisers are an option to raise money for projects. Paul suggested volunteers to work on field maintenance, but Joe raised an issue of liability and insurance regarding volunteers.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS:

Tom Mellos asked for clarification regarding funding of the Fourth of July fireworks with solicitations. Steve Poloni said the issue was being discussed at the Ethics Committee meeting following ours.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Cipriano motion to Adjourn, second by Mellos.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna Zade

