

Citizen's Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizen's Recreation Commission was held on September 15, 2020 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02

PRESENT:

Gib Heim
Barb Janutol
Mark Miller
Tony Rennpage
Sarah Seger
Amanda York

ABSENT:

Angela Brown
Lindsey Fratarolli
Tom Jerger

ALSO, PRESENT:

Art Bryant and Nicole Gerhart

Adjustment to the Agenda:

Add acceptance of minutes from July 14, 2020

Motion was made for acceptance of the corrected September 15, 2020 Agenda by Gib Heim. and seconded by Mark Miller.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Heim, Janutol, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Brown, Fratarolli, and Jerger

Motion to accept the minutes from July 14, 2020 was made by Mark Miller and seconded by Gib Heim.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Heim, Janutol, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Brown, Fratarolli, and Jerger

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- The pool closed at the end of Labor Day weekend.
- There were 20,816 users/reservations.
- Preparation for startup of fitness classes, operating within the state/city guidelines, has begun.

- Inquiries into the safety/facilitation of kayak use has begun with a small informal committee. More information will be discussed under New Business.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORT:

- Councilman Art Bryant reported that Council is processing ongoing business.

OLD BUSINESS:

- DIA Inside Out, somewhat abbreviated program, is up and running with 3 picture placements. Two are located in front of City Hall, and one is located in a sitting area near Churchill's Bistro and Cigar Bar. They have agreed to leave up as long as possible for more viewing time.
- Amanda, through discussion with the program facilitators, said they invited us to reapply for next year due to our time being cut short. They can't guarantee that we'll be chosen, but will consider the "pandemic issue" in their choice.
- Amanda will reapply for the program by the deadline.
- Planning for the Winter Fest is continuing.
 - All agreed that use of heated tents would be a problem, due to large gathering issues. We will go ahead with planning for all outdoor activities for this event and make appropriate choices for seating/food trucks closer to the event.
 - Nicole will check with supervisors from other parks at their upcoming meeting, to see what they are planning for winter activities.
 - Amanda contacted the Princess group. They require a nonrefundable deposit, but it will apply to a later booking if we have to postpone the event.
 - Angela has not been able contact the DJ and Photo Booth folks. She suggested a new magician that appeared at a virtual Library event.
 - Barb has reached out to Chamberlin Pony rides for information regarding their cancellation policy. They also have not returned the phone call. They were already booked for the last weekend in January, 2021 with a deposit of \$50.00. The posted date for the event is really the 23rd of January. Barb will make sure of the booking date and check their cancellation policy.

MOTION was made by Mark Miller and seconded by Gib Heim to ask Council to release \$6,000.00 from our budgeted funds to plan and implement Winter Fest 2021 under the guidelines of our State/City regulations.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Heim, Janutol, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Brown, Fratarolli, and Jerger

NEW BUSINESS:

- Due to the increasing congestion at the boat ramp, a small committee has begun discussion regarding new placement of a kayak entry ramp and the storage racks.
 - Feasibility of placement of a floating ramp attached near the south end of the fishing pier with rack storage nearby, has begun. Parking for this facility change would be in the activities building parking lot.
 - Considerations would include cost of dock purchase/installation, ADA regulations, and DNR approval.
 - Sightlines to the water should also be considered in this move.
 - Much work/discussion needs to take place.
- Administration met with the Grosse Pointe Woods Foundation to discuss improvements at Chene Trombley Park. Commission members were happy to see some movement on this issue and hope that their suggestions for improvement submitted to Council in February will be utilized.

MOTION was made by Mark Miller and seconded by Gib Heim to immediately certify these minutes (September 15, 2020) to allow for a prudent timeline for release of funds for Winter Fest planning.

Approval of the motion:

Yes: Heim, Janutol, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Brown, Fratarolli, and Jerger

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Gib Heim and seconded by Mark Miller.

Approval of Motion:

Yes: Heim, Janutol, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Brown, Fratarolli, and Jerger

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Barb Janutol, Secretary of the Grosse Pointe Woods Citizen's Recreation Commission.