

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Dickinson, Granger, Howle, Spicher, Waldmeir

ABSENT: Council Member Reynolds

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Wollenweber
City Attorney D. Berschback
Recording Clerk Stewart

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Margaret Potter, 1767 Kenmore
Barry Rohan, 1340 Hawthorne
Judy VanderWeg, 2009 Hunt Club
Matthew Savage, 1384 Yorktown
Lynn Sigurdson, 1740 Prestwick
Caren Ruttan, 1181 Torrey
Harold Ruttan, 1181 Torrey
Shari Lombardo, 1953 Lochmoor
Richard Rocco, 1490 Dorthen
Gloria Rocco, 1490 Dorthen
Donia Shetler, 2000 Lennon
Amy Powell, GP Times
Timothy J. Myers, 20920 Hollywood, Harper Woods

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Novitke at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Spicher, seconded by Howle, that Council Member Reynolds be excused from tonight's meeting.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Reynolds, Spicher, Waldmeir
No: None
Absent: Reynolds

The Chair opened discussion regarding a **Dog Park** in Grosse Pointe Woods. Council Members and other attendees expressed their opinions and suggestions pertaining to suitable locations.

At 7:40 p.m., the Chair declared a recess so as to produce copies of the following documents for distribution to all attendees:

- 1) Council Excerpt – 05-01-06 (2A)
- 2) Memo - Recreation Supervisor (M. Sharp) – 04-26-06
- 3) Possible locations sheet
- 4) Suggested rules sheet
- 5) Dog Park Considerations – Additions to May 9, 2005 Recreation Commission (2B)
- 6) GPS Aerial Photos:
 - (a) Sunningdale Park
 - (b) Chene Trombley Park
 - (c) South of Public Safety
 - (d) Ghesquire Park, behind the Babe Ruth diamond
 - (e) Lake Front Park, behind the tennis courts
 - (f) Lake Front Park, beside the Ford Estate
- 7) Summary from Michigan Recreation and Park Association, Annual Conference Session – Who let the dogs out?

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Hearing no objections, resident Margaret Potter presented a list of signed petitions requesting a dog park to the City Attorney.

Following discussion, there was Committee consensus to research for consideration the following two locations for possible uses as a dog park:

South of Public Safety
Lake Front Park, beside the Ford Estate

Motion by Howle, seconded by Spicher, regarding a dog park, to refer to the Council for consideration along with documentation to be supplied by Administration for the next available Council Meeting.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Spicher, to amend the previous motion regarding a dog park, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council the following:

- 1) The dog park be implemented;
- 2) Consider the location be at one of two sites:

South of Public Safety
Lake Front Park, beside the Ford Estate

- 3) Administration to provide additional information regarding operational procedures and rules for dog park for City Council consideration.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Dickinson, Granger, Novitke, Reynolds, Spicher, Waldmeir

No: None

Absent: Reynolds

The Chair directed the City Administrator to direct the DPW to stake off the dimensions at Lake Front Park near the Ford Estate and the area south of Public Safety, and when complete, inform the Committee-of-the-Whole Members so a visual perspective of each location can be made. The Chair also asked the City Administrator to notify residents on Huntington.

The Recreation Commission will meet tomorrow, June 13, 2006, and discuss dog park rules and vaccinations and submit a report to the City Council on June 19, 2006.

Motion by Howle, seconded by Granger, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Passed unanimously.