

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke  
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Fincham  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway  
Director of Public Services Ahee  
Park Supervisor Byron

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:52 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

The first item discussed was concerning the **proposed additions to Lake Front Park Governing Rules Regarding Violations of Park Regulations**. The Mayor stated he believes the proposal is too draconian referring to violations of "any" park rule, and the resident being responsible for a guest who commits a criminal act.

The City Attorney provided an overview of the proposed rules, and agreed the rules need to be tweaked. He referred to Sec. 30-66, whereby appealing a cancelled/revoked park pass shall be referred to City Council for review.

The Director of Public Services stated the need for the rules results from problems that have occurred at the Activities Building, and habitual offenders. He suggested possibly working the disciplinary action for violations into the existing rules (I).

The Park Supervisor stated habitual offenders have been rude to residents and employees and that the rules provide the teeth needed for enforcement.

The Mayor suggested looking at the guest policy while continuing to allow for a group permit for the family-type gatherings. He also discussed consideration to permitting alcohol use in the park. Grosse Pointe Park and Grosse

Pointe Farms allow alcohol, while Grosse Pointe Shores prohibits alcohol but it is not enforced.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of guest punches, use of alcohol, glass containers, enforcement, levels of discretion, and the existing park ordinance. Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee that the City Attorney provide a toned down version of the Rules and Regulations, and a rough draft of an ordinance allowing alcohol at Lake Front Park. Alcohol is not to be permitted in the car, bathhouse, pool deck, or activities building. There was a consensus of the Committee that administration is to provide a proposal reducing park pass guest privileges.

The Director of Public Services stated his concern with having only one employee on duty at the activities building beginning at 3 p.m., and suggested there should be two people on duty. The City Administrator stated if the rules are enforced, the problems may resolve themselves and may not require an additional employee. There was a consensus of the Committee that once rules are enforced and if administration makes a recommendation, that the Committee-of-the-Whole will consider increasing the number of part-time employees to two.

This item is to remain on the Committee-of-the-Whole, and the City Attorney will work with Director of Public Services and Park Supervisor to revise the proposed rules.

The Chair declared a recess at 9:06 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

Discussion then ensued regarding the city purchasing a **trolley** with SMART funds. The Mayor provided an overview of the recent Mayor's Mack Avenue meeting where a discussion was held regarding the City initiating a trolley pilot program at a cost of approximately \$35-40,000 for the purchase of a trolley. There is \$23,964 in SMART Credits to use toward the purchase, and the City Administrator said it would cost more to lease. Advertising on the trolley was also discussed.

Following discussion, the City Attorney was asked to look at whether ADA compliance is required when using SMART funds for the purchase of a trolley. A trolley is available for purchase in Pennsylvania. The City Administrator will provide additional information including cost for flat-bed delivery and inspection, which includes mechanic and traveling.

There was a majority consensus to purchase the trolley for approximately \$40,000, for purposes of a pilot program, in addition to miscellaneous costs.

The City Clerk was asked to set a Special City Council Meeting to be scheduled at 7 p.m. on April 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the purchase of a trolley.

Hearing no objections, under New Business/Public Comment:

- The City Administrator discussed a Safe Haven policy for Craig's List transactions. There was a consensus of the Committee to move forward with Safe Haven.

- The City Attorney discussed signage in Ghesquiere Park specifically requested by Little League. He confirmed that signage is proper and allowable per ordinance, and that the Director of Public Services may approve signage, which is renewable annually. Little League can retain sponsorship funds. This request is for four signs. There was a majority consensus of the Committee to approve this request.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 10:03 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk