

Citizen's Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes
Meeting of the Citizen's Recreation Commission held on October 8, 2019 at
Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02

PRESENT:

Angela Brown
Lindsay Frattaroli
Tom Jerger
Mark Miller
Tony Rennpage
Sarah Seger
Amanda York

ABSENT:

Gib Heim
Barb Janutol

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicole Gerhart, Mike Koester and Margaret Potter

Motion to accept the minutes from September 10, 2019 by Mark Miller and seconded by Angela Brown

Yes: Brown, Frattaroli, Jerger, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Heim and Janutol

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT:

- Hob Nobbin' with Goblins is October 18, 2019. Tickets are selling well; only 100 tickets remain.
- Miniature golf has been well received. The number of players has declined since school started.
- Woods Aglow is scheduled for November 26, 2019. Two tents will be used for this event.
- Polar Express will be held on December 6, 7, 13 and 14. Tickets will go on sale on November 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING REPORT:

Michael Koester discussed possible changes to park pass procedures. See new business (below).

WINTERFEST 2020

Motion to request that City Council approve Winterfest budget not to exceed \$6,878.00 by Tom Jerger and seconded by Mark Miller

Funds to be used for tents, heaters, entertainment, petting zoo, photo booth and DJ

Yes: Brown, Frattaroli, Jerger, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Heim and Janutol

- Two tents with heaters will be rented for Winterfest. At least one side of the tents will have windows. Estimated cost: \$1,500. City tents cannot be used because they need to be staked into ground.
- Amanda York will prepare a draft of the Winterfest flyer
- One food truck has committed to Winterfest. We are looking for an additional food truck. Tony Rennpage to check on donut truck.
- Characters from Frozen (Anna and Kristoff) have been retained to appear at Winterfest. Inquiry will be made regarding adding Elsa. The Frozen characters will appear for 3 hours. Nicole Gerhart will check to see if courtroom/council chambers can be used for Frozen characters' performance. Estimated charge for two Frozen characters: \$600. Additional charge if Elsa is added.
- Petting zoo from last year's Winterfest will be back this year. Petting zoo will be at the event from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Inquiry will be made regarding a discount promised by petting zoo contractor last year due to late arrival.
- Grosse Pointe Public Library will bring crafts and books to the Winterfest. Space will be needed for GPPL—possibly in one of the tents or Cook Schoolhouse.
- Photo booth will return to Winterfest. Will need heated tent space. Estimated charge: \$400. A DJ will be added this year. Estimated charge: \$360.
- Amanda York will check on bringing a juggler/magician to Winterfest.
- Historical Commission has declined invitation to participate in Winterfest this year.
- Discussions are being held with Schummer's Ski Shop regarding possible cross country skiing and/or snow shoe demonstration.
- Face painting, photo cut-out board and ice sculpture are also being considered for Winterfest.
- Yard games, ice skating (weather permitting) and fire pits will also be available. Nicole Gerhart to obtain fire pits.
- Welcome signs for each park entrance will be obtained similar to last year's signs

OLD BUSINESS:

- Park Evaluation
 - Commission will continue to review and evaluate each city park to determine whether parks can be improved to meet the needs of the community.
 - Commission to provide report to City Council regarding vision for the future of city parks to include:
 - Ranking needs of the parks to better serve the community;
 - Possible park enhancements;
 - Improve handicap accessibility of parks;
 - Improve park features for younger children (ages 2-5) and special needs children;
 - Comparison of GPW parks to parks in other cities;
 - Commission hopes to make recommendation to City Council by February of 2020.
 - Angel Brown will compile list of observations made at recent park tours. List will be reviewed and analyzed at November meeting.
 - Ms. Potter suggested that the bocce and shuffleboard courts at Lake Front Park are in need of maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nicole Gerhart and Michael Koester discussed possible changes to park pass procedures, including:
 - Passes to be renewed every 3 years rather than every year;
 - Elimination of “guest punches”. Two non-resident guests per day would be allowed for each adult pass. One non-resident guest per day would be allowed for each child pass. Elimination of guest punches would allow for better planning for park attendance as current punch system allows large number of guests for each park pass on any given day.
 - Reservations for tents, pavilions and gazebos would include access for 20 non-resident guests.
 - Current system allowing residents to apply for group permits allowing 25 non-resident guests would continue. A resident may apply for one group permit per season.
- Ms. Potter requested that residents be allowed only 10 non-resident guests per year (10 punches).

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Jerger and seconded by Sarah Seger

Yes: Brown, Frattaroli, Jerger, Miller, Rennpage, Seger, and York.

No: None

Absent: Heim and Janutol

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Mark Miller, for Secretary Barb Janutol