

Grosse Pointe Shores
Parks Committee
Minutes
March 8, 2018

A Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building, 795 Lake Shore Rd.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Joe Cipriano.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Joe Cipriano,
Committee Members: Tom Mellos, Kathy Mermiges, Ginnie Rice
Council Liaison Doug Kucyk,

Absent: John Mueller

Also Present: Grosse Pointe Improvement Foundation Chair Brett Marshall;
Public Relations Liaison Matthew Seely.

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the February 7, 2018, Parks Committee regular meeting minutes on motion by Doug Kucyk and seconded by Kathy Mermigess. Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

- Review of 2018 Park Priorities including Gate House, Baseball Diamond maintenance issues, Tennis Court lighting, needed Park bathroom changes.
- Cipriano introduced a new soft wear app to keep track of meetings and discussions called Stride. All members agreed to download and start using.

New Business

A. GPS Gate House Proposal:

Matt Seely brought a schematic proposal for a new GPS Park Gate House that could be presented (if approved by the Park Committee) to the GPS Council on March 20th. (See attached.) Matt indicated the proposed Gate House addresses many of the concerns voiced earlier.

- (1) It will be constructed on 'dead land' to the right of the current south entry gate, taking up none of current space in use;
- (2) The proposed new entrance lane will be midway between the current south entry to the park and the entrance to the GPYC, thus avoiding a back up at the current traffic light;
- (3) The proposed Gate House will provide a wider view of the Park for park workers;

(4) The set back of the proposed Gate House will allow Park traffic to exit the current south entrance thus permitting closing of the north gate if it is necessary to create more parking spaces.

(5) The Gate House will have the same architectural design as the Municipal Building.

(6) It may be possible to add the proposed Gate House foundation and driving road costs to those of the proposed parking lot re-surfing after the Tennis Courts are completed.

7.) It may be possible to add some parking spaces if the current gate house where folks show their park passes is modified.

8.) Funds for constructing the proposed Gate House have already been promised anonymously.

MOTION: It was moved by Tom Mellos and seconded by Ginnie Rice to accept and move Matt Seely's GPS Gate House proposal on to the Shores Council. Support was unanimous. Doug Kucyk abstained.

B. Baseball Diamond Agreement & Action items

- Little league Baseball will begin April 2. There needs to be a current MOU between the League and GPS regarding the preparation and routine maintenance of the field before the season begins. It looks like trees will need to be trimmed, grass cut, and soil graded etc. Benches need to be repaired.
- Questions were raised about the league having insurance; this needs to be checked.

C. Tennis Courts update.

- The work on the new courts should begin in mid-April after winter weather is over.
- Matt Seely reported the tennis court pole lights were taken down cleaned, repainted, and re-furnished with LED lights.
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D. Osius Park Bathroom Changes

- Discussion of replacement doors for the bathroom doors in the Park. Current doors are old and worn.
- Committee needs to know how much money there is in the Shores' Budget to replace or repair doors.

E. Eastside Football Club inquired about a possible Soccer Field Discussion

F. GPSIF President Brett Marshall

Brett presented some GPIF ideas for GPS.

- Ice Rink (100X 60 feet) at the foot of the Hill to the west of the GPS Municipal Building.
- If an Ice Rink is built, can it be used for Ice Hockey teams in GP?
- Replace Shuffle Board Court with a Bocce Courts. Members of the GPSIF will check with Park employees to see how much the Shuffle Board has been used.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting Date

The next Parks Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The Grosse Pointe Shores Parks Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. on a motion by Kucyk and seconded by Rice; unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginnie Rice
Committee Member & Acting Secretary