

GROSSE POINTE SHORES PARK & HARBOR COMMITTEE REPORT 4-11-13

A meeting of the Grosse Pointe Shores Park & Harbor Committee met on Thursday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Room of the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building.

Present: Kathy Mermiges, Burnie Pemberton, Heather Roth, Grant Strobl, Bruce Vollmer, Tom Krolczyk and Dan Schulte.

Absent: John Fodell, Bruce Kopf, Alissa McMann, Frank Tenkel, Svetozar Tomovski
The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by chairperson Schulte.

The minutes of the January 9, 2013 were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Facility Use Policy – The Park & Harbor Committee revisited the Facility Use Policy and had no further changes. Earlier this year the Committee recommended a deposit and usage fee for the Osius Park Pavilion which reflects the deposit and usage fee policy for the Schroeder Field House. This remains the same as was implemented on April 1, 2013. Therefore, the Facility Use Policy is unchanged from the prior Park & Harbor Committee meeting and is ready for approval by the Grosse Pointe Shores Council.

Decking – The Park & Harbor Committee also discussed the decking issue. Committee members were made aware that Grosse Pointe Shores had been offered material replacement of the decking with the Moisture Shield product. After discussing the original experience we had with composites, and reading information on decking from GardenStructure.com (see link below) the Park & Harbor Committee members unanimously recommend that we would be wise to make sure that this is the product we want to install, and that we should also thoroughly review all feasible products before making a decision. Given the current time frame on procuring and installing any product – a June start at earliest – it was agreed by all that it would be prudent to make repairs as needed over the next few months and begin total decking replacement at summer's end. Any haste to rush into a decision could ultimately place us in the same situation we are enduring now. The other unknown we need to anticipate is the potential decomposition of substructure materials underneath the decking that may have to be addressed.

http://www.gardenstructure.com/composite_decking

NEW BUSINESS

Well Occupancy – A well occupancy update was provided by Tom Krolczyk. At the time of the meeting approximately there were deposits that indicated a full-pay commitment of \$170,000. This amount is expected to increase since the deadline is not until April 15.

Kayak Storage Fees – Based on a resident's communication about our kayak rack fees exceeding the costs of other Pointes, the Committee discussed the matter and, since no similar concerns have been communicated, concluded that no change in pricing was needed at this time.

Ice Rink – The Park & Harbor Committee discussed the location of the ice skating rink, near the sledding hill, as was discussed at the March 21 Council meeting. All agreed that placing the rink between the Schroeder Field House and the sledding hill during the winter months made sense for parents supervising children who want both to sled and skate.

Committee member Mermiges indicated that some residents have expressed an interest in a splash pad. The Grosse Pointe Shores Park & Harbor Committee welcomes those residents to attend a future meeting and share their ideas.

The next Grosse Pointe Shores Park & Harbor Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2013 at 9 a.m. in the Grosse Pointe Shores Municipal Building.