

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS/COURTROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL CENTER, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryant  
Council Members: Brown, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall  
ABSENT: None

Also Present: City Administrator Schulte  
Assistant City Administrator Como  
City Attorney Zalewski  
City Clerk Antolin  
City Treasurer/Comptroller Schmidt  
Director of Public Services Kowalski

**Motion** by McConaghy, seconded by Motschall, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall  
No: None  
Absent: None

The purpose of tonight's meeting was regarding the consideration of upgrades for Baseball Diamonds at Ghesquiere Park. Director of Public Services Kowalski provided an overview of his memo dated December 11, 2024. He stated that in October representatives from the Grosse Pointe Woods-Shores Little League (GPWSSL) approached Council regarding upgrades to the Baseball Diamonds at Ghesquiere Park.

Initially, for budgeting purposes, the intent was to upgrade the diamonds within a couple of years. However, the GPWSSL was recently given the opportunity to host the State Little League Tournament at Ghesquiere Park the week of July 25 – 30, 2025. This tournament will bring people from all over the state and is an opportunity to promote the city, park, and the Little League.

Administration suggested getting costs on all the needed improvements to be started in the spring of 2025. The estimated cost for the upgrades was \$178,226.92. During discussion it was addressed

that in order to have a completed upgrade, an additional \$22,000 was needed to place two new dugouts for the Senior Ball Diamond. With the additional updates, the projected cost was approximately \$200,000.

There was a consensus of the Committee-of-the-Whole and Administration to move forward with the project and include the additional dugouts for the Senior Ball Diamond.

Discussion continued regarding timing of the project and consideration of events such as Winter Fest. Also addressed was the coordination with the Construction Committee, especially for projects regarding Ghesquiere Park and its parking lots and sidewalks. The project is proposed to be completed before Opening Day.

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Motschall, that the Committee-of-the-Whole recommend to City Council the approval of upgrades for Baseball Diamonds at Ghesquiere Park including the additional dugouts for the Senior Ball Diamond at a cost approximately \$22,000, bringing the total project to an estimated cost of \$200,000.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Brown, Bryant, Gafa, Granger, Koester, McConaghy, Motschall  
No: None  
Absent: None

Under **New Business/Public Comment**, no one wished to be heard.

**Motion** by Gafa, seconded by Koester, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:33 p.m. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Paul P. Antolin  
City Clerk

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Arthur W. Bryant  
Mayor