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CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
PARKS DEPARTMENT

SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION

MINUTES OF September 17, 2025 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:

Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, the Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Commission Members:

Present: Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Marianne Langlois, Karen McLeod, Pamela Solomon, Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, Ron Wehrmann and Don Witt, constituting a quorum.

Absent: Kevin Quasarano

Owen Gafa, GPW Director of Parks and Recreation, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance.

Motion by Marianne Langlois, seconded by Karen McLeod, to excuse Commission Member Kevin Quasarano from attendance at today's meeting. Passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Marianne Langlois, seconded by Pamela Solomon, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on July 15, 2025. Said motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ron Wehrmann presented his report to the Commission, showing the balance on hand as of August 31, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

Seniors' Picnic:

It was the consensus of those present that the Seniors' Picnic was a success. Comments and suggestions included: holding the picnic on a week day was a good idea; holding it indoors, with outdoor space available, too, was also a good idea. The hours of 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM worked well. Suggestions for next year's picnic included having small bottles of water as the only beverage, and have them starting to chill the night before. Agreed that National Coney and Wally's were very good. It was suggested that, again, next year, event participants could pick up their ice cream from the cooler on the way back to their tables with their food so that it would not be so hard and difficult to consume. It was suggested that cash prizes for bingo be continued, and that additional event prizes could include Kroger gift cards, totaling \$100, and gift certificates for The Helm and City of GPW activities.

Discussion Items:

A. Holiday Social – Friday, December 5, 2025

A general discussion followed regarding suggestions for the event, and this Commission's participation in it. It was suggested that:

1. At sign up, make sure people who want to be together are assigned to the same table.
2. A chart with the table numbers and locations be up front near the check in tables (and the table for Sunrise must be near the entryway).

The discussion resulted in the following motions.

Motion by Karen Everham, seconded by Karen McLeod, that a request for funds in the amount of \$300, to be taken from the Senior Citizens' Commission Carry Forward Account #213-000-674.320, be submitted to City Council to cover expenses towards desserts for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Pamela Solomon, seconded by Marianne Langlois, that a request for funds in the amount of \$100, to be taken from the City's General Fund, be submitted to City Council to cover the expense of the purchase of ten \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

Motion by Karen Everham, seconded by Karen McLeod, to recommend to the Mayor the immediate certification of the previous motions for requests for funds of \$300, to be taken from the Senior Citizens' Commission Carry Forward Account #213-000-674.320, be submitted to City Council to cover expenses towards desserts for the Holiday Social. and \$100, to be taken from the City's General Fund , for the purchase of ten \$10 Kroger gift cards as prizes for the Holiday Social. Said motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ice Cream Social: The date for the Ice Cream Social for 2026 has not yet been determined. It was suggested that it be set for a date in the week following the GPW Flower Sale so that items remaining from that sale could be available as prizes. It was also suggested the Commission meeting following the Ice Cream Social event be set at 2:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vicki Granger presented an update on the Active Adult Commission.

No members of the public were in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Don Witt, seconded by Pamela Solomon, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center-Community Center – Lake Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary