

Commission Approved September 8, 2026

Citizens' Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting of the Citizens' Recreation Commission was held on
July 14, 2026 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:06 p.m.

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**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS
CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

PRESENT:

Amanda York
Gib Heim
Melinda Billingsley
Jason Gaidis
Dave Andrews
Abby Klotz
Barbara Janutol

ABSENT:

Lindsay Frattaroli
Amanda Starkey

ALSO PRESENT:

Owen Gafa, Director of Parks and Recreation
Melissa Rogers, Aquatics assistant

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for acceptance of the agenda for **July 14, 2026** by Janutol and 2nd Billingsley.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Heim, Gaidis, Andrews, Billingsley, York, Klotz, Janutol

No: None

Absent: Frattaroli, Starkey

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made for the approval of minutes from **June 9, 2026** by Billingsley and seconded by York.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Heim, Gaidis, Andrews, Billingsley, York, Klotz, Janutol

No: None

Absent: Frattaroli, Starkey

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Not present

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Reworked curriculum levels and assigned levels. Max 6 kids per class.
 - Information to be sent to the session 1 families acknowledging the changes made for session 2.
- Archery is full and there is a waiting list.
- Pool hours discussed and on track for not needing to adjust.
- Pedestrian bridge broken and on hold. Replacement cost is excessive based on old designs.
- Pickleball courts still on hold. Pavilion price adjusted to 25K (down from 50K) and will be moving forward.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Start of FY 2026.
- Updated budget went to spring fest and winter fest.
- Fishing Derby budget is 2K.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Fishing Derby – Sub-Committee
 - Currently 30 people signed up.
 - 100pk worms, 100pk bobbers, 100pk towels.
- Youth Advisory Commission subcommittee and planning.
 - Sample waiver sent from Sterling Heights.
 - At September meeting we can review applicants and decide who to pick and how to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fall Event - Sub-Committee
 - Options discussed: disc golf, tyke parade.
 - This event is to be a small event \$500 event to take place at Ghesquiere Park.

Motion was made to request \$750, from Account 101-105-880.200, for fall event at Ghesquiere event in September by Billingsley and seconded by Janutol.

Motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn by Gaidis and seconded by Billingsley.

Approval of motion:

Yes: Heim, Gaidis, Andrews, Billingsley, York, Klotz, Janutol

No: None

Absent: Frattaroli, Starkey

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Jason Gaidis, Secretary of the Grosse Pointe Woods
Citizens' Recreation Commission.