

Commission Approved December 9, 2025

CITIZENS' RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting of the Citizen's Recreation Commission was held on November 18, 2025 at Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

PRESENT:

Gib Heim

Barb Janutol

Abby Klotz

Amanda York

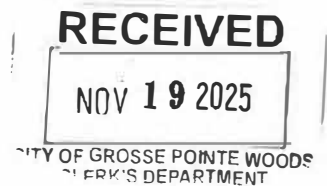
Dave Andrews

Lindsay Frattaroli

ABSENT:

Melinda Billingsley

Amanda Starkey



ALSO PRESENT:

Owen Gafa, Tony Rennpage, Brad Pettiford, Margaret Potter, and Biagica Bottiglierio.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made for the acceptance of the agenda for November 18, 2025 by Andrews and seconded by Heim.

APPROVAL OF MOTION:

YES: Heim, Janutol, Klotz, York, Andrews, and Frattaroli

NO: NONE

ABSENT: Billingsley and Starkey

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 14, 2025

Motion was made for the acceptance of minutes from October 14, 2025 by Frattaroli and seconded by Klotz.

APPROVAL OF MOTION:

YES: Heim, Janutol, Klotz, York, Andrews, and Frattaroli

NO: NONE

ABSENT: Billingsley and Starkey

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Senior Holiday Party to be held on December 5th from 1pm – 4pm.
- Polar Express starts December 4th and is Sold Out.
- New equipment “playground log” is in and will be installed at Ghesquiere Park in the spring.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Woods Aglow will take place at City Hall on November 25th at 7:00 pm.
- Grosse Pointe Woods 75th Anniversary Celebration will take place on December 11th. It is an open house from 4-7pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Snow Creation Contest will start with the first snowfall in December and continue until the end of February. Per Gafa, Nancy Ochs will produce the flyer for this event using previous years information.

OLD BUSINESS:**Winter Fest:**

“Winter Olympics” theme

- January 31st, 2026
- We will use Great Lakes Tent Company for tent rental.
- Owen will contact Chamberlin pony rides and petting zoo.

- Owen suggested the same DJ and photo booth companies he uses for park events.
- Amanda York will contact the festive sign company that we usually use.
- The committee will contact the library to see if they will again, provide a craft project to be held in the Old School House.
- We felt that the mini golf was great last year, but very expensive. Amanda will look into having more inflatable games that will represent the Olympic theme better.
- Fire pits will be available.
- The “give away” this year hasn’t yet been decided, but will represent the Olympic theme.
- Lindsay Frattaroli contacted the following food trucks for availability:
 - Stella’s Hamburgers, Little Donut factory, with a possibility of Gambino’s Pizza.
- Amanda is looking at a hockey clinic possibility.
- The famous DPW snow pile, will round out the activities.
- More discussion at the December meeting.

Open Recreation Commission seat interviews were held and included Brad Pettiford and Blagica Bottigliero.

Discussion took place regarding previous interviews and applications.

Motion by Fratarolli and seconded by Heim to recommend **Jason Gaidis** to fill the open seat on the Citizen’s Recreation Commission.

APPROVAL OF MOTION:

YES: Heim, Janutol, Klotz, York, Andrews, and Frattaroli

NO: NONE

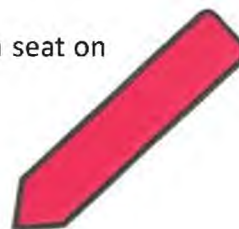
ABSENT: Billingsley and Starkey

Motion was made by York and seconded by Andrews to Immediately Certify the November 18, 2025 minutes.

APPROVAL OF MOTION:

YES: Heim, Janutol, Klotz, York, Andrews, and Frattaroli

NO: NONE



ABSENT: Billingsley and Starkey

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Margaret Potter suggested that the “youth subcommittee” address the social interaction need for senior/youth combination activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Heim and seconded by Klotz.

APPROVAL OF MOTION:

YES: Heim, Janutol, Klotz, York, Andrews, and Frattaroli

NO: NONE

ABSENT: Billingsley and Starkey

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Janutol for Melinda Billingsley, Secretary of the Grosse Pointe Woods Citizen’s Recreation Commission.