

Communications Between Chris Fenton, Mayor & Steve Gerhart about Fenton's Leave of Absence Request from Planning Commission

From: **Chris Fenton** <fentonc@gpschools.org>
Date: Mon, Sep 18, 2023 at 11:45 AM
Subject: My position on the GP Woods Planning Commission
To: <arthurwbryant@gmail.com>, <fschulte@gpwmi.us>, <steve.gerhart@mcka.com>

Mr. Mayor
Mr. Schulte
Mr. Gerhart

As you might have heard or read in the local papers, I have been appointed Interim Superintendent of the Grosse Pointe Public School System. This appointment will be for approximately 90 to 120 days as the GP School Board searches for a permanent replacement.

Given the additional and time consuming responsibilities, I am resigning or taking a leave of absence from some of the committees and local organizations where I have serving.

My position began September 1, 2023. I apologize for not sending this earlier.

I would prefer a leave of absence but I am not sure of the local policies governing this situation. If you need me to resign completely I understand and will honor your decision.

It has been an honor to serve on the Planning Commission these past couple years. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to our city.

Best Regards,

Christian A. Fenton
Interim Superintendent
The Grosse Pointe Public School System

From: **Arthur Bryant** <arthurwbryant@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 3:22 PM
Subject: Chris Fenton's position on the Planning Commission
To: Frank Schulte <fschulte@gpwmi.us>, <steve.gerhart@mcka.com>

Good Afternoon Steve,
Since you are having your monthly Planning Commission meeting tomorrow, I wanted to get this information to you before the meeting. As you are aware, Planning Commission members are appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of the City Council. With that being said, I will be granting Mr. Fenton's request for a leave of absence of 120 days with a possible extension if needed, at the October 2, 2023 city council meeting. There is no further action required by the planning commission.
Thanks for all you do for the city,
Art Bryant

From: **Stephen Gerhart** <steve.gerhart88@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Sep 25, 2023 at 4:52 PM
Subject: Re: Chris Fenton's position on the Planning Commission
To: Arthur Bryant <arthurwbryant@gmail.com>

Hi Art,

Thank you for sending on your response. I appreciate your granting of Mr. Fenton's request for a leave of absence, he is a valued member of the Commission.

Steve