



## AGENDA - Recreation Commission

DATE: June 11, 2025 7:00 PM City Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - I. Approval of April 9th Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Director's Report
- V. Programming/Special Events
  - I. After 6 on Kercheval
  - II. Summer Programming
- VI. Windmill Pointe Park
  - I. Maintenance and Grounds
  - II. New Theatre Seats
- VII. Marina
  - I. Engineer's Cost Analysis
  - II. Open Wells
- VIII. Patterson Park
  - I. Ice Rink
  - II. Patterson Park Playscape
  - III. Maintenance and Grounds
- IX. Unfinished Business
  - I. Youth Pickleball Clinic
  - II. Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- X. New Business
  - I. Patterson Park Garden Club
- XI. Adjournment

**Public Comment:** Public Comments are limited to three minutes.

**Live Stream:** The meeting will be livestreamed to the Official City of Grosse Pointe Park YouTube Channel.



## Recreation Commission Minutes

Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Mike Hindelang

### Roll Call

Present: Mike Hindelang – Chairman, Chad Craig – Parks and Recreation Director, Tom Fraser – Harbor Master, James Ceuninck, Howard Bouton, Mike Bannon, Larry Haggart, Patrick Gleason, Christina Buchanan, Roger Basse and Paul O'Donnell

Approval of February 12, 2025 meeting minutes

### Public Comment (Agenda items)

- None

\*First meeting in which public comment will only be offered once on the agenda. At the beginning of the meeting rather than at both the start and end of the meeting\*

### Director's Report

- Additional pickleball leagues being offered
- Upcoming Marshmallow Drop, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Update on the pickleball courts at Patterson-Their use and maintenance plans
- Update on the status of the projector at the Okluski theater
- Update on the planned replacement of the roof of the Tompkins Center

### Programming/Special Events

- Pickleball youth clinic
  - Offered by the Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe for youths 8-16
- After 6 Dates set for the season
  - Extending down to Wayburn and Kercheval
  - June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Subcommittee met and shared their report

## Windmill Pointe Park

- Subcommittee Report
  - Walked the park and noticed preparation being done ahead of the summer season
- Fairfax will return to the concession stand for the summer with the Snack Shack
  - Tentative opening date close to Memorial Weekend
- Schapp Theater seats update
  - Work to start close to May 19th
  - There will be a roughly two week turnaround in replacing and installing the old seats with the new ones
  - The new chairs will function and resemble the old ones
- Lifeguards and pool staff
  - Regional lifeguard shortage for the upcoming season
  - Efforts are underway to ensure as many lifeguards as possible return from prior years
  - Two interviews being conducted for pool supervisor for the summer
- Children's Pool
  - Early redesign efforts of the children's pool are being undertaken
  - Potential removal and relocation of the fountain
  - Work is being done in collaboration with the Grosse Pointe Park Foundation. This is their current project.
  - The Commission voted unanimously in support of the Foundation's work with the Children's Pool

## Marina

- Discussed and reviewed the report from Abonmarche
- 5% fee increase from the year before
- Four empty wells with plans to have them filled soon
- Necessary permits are in early stages

## Patterson

- Subcommittee Report
  - Playscape update:
    - Met with city staff to implement plans and work for the season
    - Brosnan to seal and stain before the summer starts
- Acknowledgement of volunteer work done under the leadership of the Patterson Park Garden Club
- Restoration work at the gazebo is underway. The lattice will come down soon with a new one set to replace it

## Unfinished Business

- An update was provided on the department budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year
- Spending and is inline with projected expectations
- Forthcoming Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be budgeted for the upcoming 2025/2026 fiscal year. The master plan is a broad goal focus. "Vision of the parks for the next 10 years"

New Business

- Interdepartmental restructuring in process and in shape for better utilization of supervision
- The second issue of "Park Scene" set to be delivered May 1<sup>st</sup>. Will contain all the Grosse Pointe Park summer 2025 information

Adjournment: 8:33 PM

Next Meeting: June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

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## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** After 6 on Kercheval

**SUMMARY:** The first After 6 on Kercheval, presented by the Pointe Hardware Group, will take place on Saturday, June 28, from 6-10pm. The Pointe Hardware Group will offer a free Little Builders Workshop from 5-7pm, and will also give away free hot dogs during the workshop to event attendees. Entertainment and activities will feature American Ages on the Red Crown Stage and The Kufflinks on the Zealous Root Stage. There will be a Superslide, Sharpshooter Showdown Gaming Trailer, and the Grosse Pointe Park Little League Fundraiser Dunk Tank. There will be plenty of sweet and savory food options, along with a variety of vendors at the Street Market.

Additional sponsors include:

**Gold:** Brosnan Builders, Pointe Alarm, The Bricks Pizzeria, Edmund t. AHEE Jewelers, Carly Copus - Licensed Insurance Agent, Brine Oyster House, Harvey Animal Hospital, Pet Supplies Plus, Grosse Pointe News, Aquatic Source, LeRouge Boulangerie, Atwater in the Park, Coreander's Children's Bookshoppe, Village Dental Associates, Thermal Mechanical Service LLC, and Red Crown.

**Silver:** The Zealous Root, University Liggett School, Pointe Cabinets & Design, Marshall Landscape, and DTE.

**Bronze:** Duffey & Co., Rustic Cabins, Aesthetic Theory Detroit PLLC, Gold & Braid, Grosse Pointe Spine Center, H2O Cleaners, and Hoof 'N Woof.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Maintenance and Grounds

**SUMMARY:** The Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds Department will be power washing and cleaning the exterior of the park restroom facility and the windows/screens and installing the new tennis court windscreens. They have also done extensive work on the front entrance garden bed of the park, outside gatehouse, and Tompkins Community Center patio. The downspouts on the pool deck and sundeck have also been installed, and those areas were also power-washed prior to installation. Jonah Tenckinck is building four adirondack chairs for Windmill Pointe Park as his Eagle Scout Project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** New Theatre Seats

**SUMMARY:** The new theatre seats were installed in the Carol C. Schaap Theatre and the floor was stripped and refinished. The project was completed on Thursday, May 22. A special thank you to Dr. A. Paul Schaap for his incredibly generous donation.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Engineer's Cost Analysis

**SUMMARY:** Chad and Tom are working closely with Abonmarche on the engineer's cost analysis to reduce the cost of the project.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Open Wells

**SUMMARY:** The marina currently has two wells available on pier one as some larger wells have opened up on different piers. Tom is now working to fill those two piers from the waitlist.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Ice Rink

**SUMMARY:** The ice rink will operate under a weather-dependent type of operation for the 2025/2026 season. A tough decision, but the City will be able to cut an expensive operating cost by not activating the compressors this season. The entire system will stay intact, which will allow for the possibility of turning the system back on in the future. The system was purchased as a used system in 1991. Parts are becoming obsolete or difficult to locate, increased service calls and repairs, milder winters, and utilities have contributed to a significant increase in operating costs. On days that allow for the rink to be used, park hours will be extended and residents will be notified.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Patterson Park Playscape

**SUMMARY:** Brosnan Builders has completed 90% of the sealer application and will be finished with the rest of the project by Friday, June 13th.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Maintenance and Grounds

**SUMMARY:** In conjunction with our volunteer group and Marshall Landscape, the FMG Department is working on a restoration project along some of the reflecting pond beds and will be converting them to native plants in 2026. Thank you to Kelly Knoieczki, Lindsey Studders, our local Girl Scouts, and many others for the new Children's Garden at the playscape. That project was possible with funding that was provided by the Keep Michigan Beautiful Foundation and Friends of Patterson Playscape. FMG staff are rehabbing the front entrance bed of Matthew C. Patterson Park, and staff have also been replacing chains on the playscape and replacing all the seating on the swing sets in the park as well.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Youth Pickleball Clinic

**SUMMARY:** The Lakeshore Optimist Club of Grosse Pointe and Kemtec and Associates sponsored the Youth Pickleball Clinic on Saturday, May 3rd, from 11am-1pm. All costs were covered by the program sponsors, and we are all looking forward to our next clinic where there will be raffle items that will include paddle bundles for families, etc. There has already been discussion about a youth, or youth/adult tournament or league. Thank you to Jeffrey Graham for coordinating the sponsorships, and to our volunteer instructors that were headed up by Dennis Viellieu.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**SUMMARY:** The City of Grosse Pointe Park is creating an RFP to use for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



## RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

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DATE: June 11, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Patterson Park Garden Club

**SUMMARY:** The City of Grosse Pointe Park and the Patterson Park Garden Club have finalized a volunteer agreement for 2025. The City would like to thank Lisa Kyle, Jim Creighton, and Kelly Konieczki for making this volunteer program a reality.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**PREPARED BY:** Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director