



Recreation Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice Chair Mik Bannon-filling in for Chairman Mike Hindelabg

Roll Call

Present: Chad Craig – Parks and Recreation Director Mike Bannon Vice Chair, James Ceuninck, Patrick Gleason, Howard Bouton, Paul Spratt, Larry Haggart, Roger Basse and Paul O'Donnell

Also Present: Tom Fraser-Harbor Master, Nick Sizeland-City Manager

Absent: Mike Hindelang-Chairman and Tom Caulfield-Council Liaison

Approval of April 19, 2025, meeting minutes

Public Comment (Agenda items)

- No public comments were made

Recognition of Service:

- Recognition was made of Christina Buchanan's service to the Commission and her resignation

Director's Report

- Good attendance at Windmill for Memorial Day
- Tompkins Center well utilized
- Recognition of Sue and her leadership as the interim chief gardener
- Hutton Ice Rink and Lindell Lodge
 - Rink is running well for the season with active use and frequent daily attendance

Programming/Special Events

- Community excitement for summer programs including Knapsackers, tennis and karate
- After 6 2025
 - Pointe Hardware will be the presenting sponsor for After 6 this season
 - June 28, July 26, and August 23
 - GPP Little League will have the dunk tank for the June After 6
 - This summer an additional block (through Wayburn) will be included as well

Windmill Pointe Park

- Maintenance transition and organizational restructuring going well
- Additional maintenance is being done at the Tompkins center ahead of peak summer usage
- Downspouts are being installed
- New theatre seats have been installed at the Schaap Theatre
- Availability of lifeguards has increased with school now being out

Marina

- Finalizing details with Abonmarche. RFP expected soon
- \$100 thousand has been spent in the last fiscal year on repairs and maintenance
- Applied and signed off on permits for future work in the marina
- Open wells are in the process of being filled

Patterson

- Gazebo
 - Maintenance for the season in progress
- Final sealing will be applied to the playscape on June 13. In partnership with Friends of Patterson Playscape
- Pond operating well for the season
- Ice rink chillers will not be utilized this upcoming winter. Will freeze naturally instead

Unfinished Business

- Youth pickleball clinic at Patterson put on by the GP Optimists club was well attended
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan:
 - RFP will go out in the new fiscal year
 - Rec Commission will help guide the Parks and Rec Master plan
 - Asset Management Plan vs Master Plan

New Business:

- Patterson Park Gardening Club
 - Recognition of the Patterson Gardening Club commitments throughout the park this season
 - The opportunity for members of the community to volunteer throughout the summer at future monthly and weekly gardening events
 - Appreciation for the leadership of Kelly Konieczki and Jim Creighton

Adjournment: 8:45 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday August 13 at 7:00 PM at Grosse Pointe Park City Hall, 4th Floor