

**GROSSE POINTE PARK
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025**

LOCATION: CITY HALL COURTROOM

01. CALL TO ORDER:

Lisa Kyle, Chairman of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, called the Meeting to order at 7:08pm.

02. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Lisa Kyle, Cheryl Gauss, Pat Deck, Shellie Hansen and Kelly Konieczki.

EXCUSED:

Anne Billiu, Armen Gulian, Nicholas Gwozdz and Barbara Miller.

CITY FORESTER: Brian Colter

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER: Brent Dreaver

GUESTS:

Jim Creighton, Chip Owen and Sharon Pierce.

03. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of December 4, 2024 will be tabled until the April 16, 2025 meeting.

04. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

A. COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS:

Lisa Kyle let the commission know that Kim Clextton has officially resigned from the Beautification commission.

Lisa let the commission know that Sharon Pierce and Jm Creighton will be officially appointed commissioners of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission by Mayor Michele Hodges at the City Council meeting on March 10, 2025.

B. COMMISSION BYLAWS:

It was decided by the commission that the bylaws for the Beautification Commission section 2, paragraph A wording be revised.

C. 2025 COMMISSION CALENDAR & PRELIMINARY 2026 CALENDAR:

Lisa Kyle passed out an updated calendar for 2025. She let the commission know that May 2025 will be a very busy month and passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the events.

05. CORRESPONDENCE:

Pat Deck let the commission know that Jan Ramsey, past commissioner, passed away. A card will be sent to the family.

06. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chip Owen attended the commission meeting to volunteer for arbor week. Pat took Chip Owens number and will be contacting him in April.

07. PROMOTION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - BRENT DREAYER:

A. WEBSITE CONTENT:

Brent Dreaver, City Council Member, let the commission know that the city website is ready for updated information. Brent also let the commission know that "The Park Scene" will be coming out in May. It was suggested that maybe an article on the poster contest be submitted.

08. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ARBOR WEEK POSTER CONTEST - PAT DECK:

Pat deck, chairing this event, dropped off the posters for the (162) students from the fourth grade. Brian Colter will be checking on the seedlings and pencils. Pat let the commission know that this year is the (42nd) year of the poster contest.

B. SPRING PERENNIAL EXCHANGE - LISA KYLE & CHERYL GAUSS:

Lisa Kyle and Cheryl Gauss will be chairing this event. The spring exchange will be held on May 24th, 2025 at the Tompkins Center. Lisa will sending out an email to the previous attendees. It will also be on the city website and Facebook.

09. FORESTRY REPORT - BRIAN COLTER:

Brian Colter gave a re-cap of 2024. Seventy-seven (77), city owed street trees were removed from Dutch Elm disease. There were 340 trees planted. The TIFA grant was helpful towards this project as well as the 100 Sycamore trees donated. Brian also let the commission know that Grosse Pointe Park was awarded the "Growth Award" for the nineteenth (19) time. Grosse Pointe Park has also received "Tree City USA" for the forty second (42nd) time.

10. SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE REPORTS - LISA KYLE:

Lisa Kyle let the commission know that volunteers are needed for the Adopt-A-Garden project. Kelly Konieczki let the commission know that Mayor Michele Hodges will be reading the Pollinator Month Proclamation at the June 9, 2025 City Council meeting.

11. OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Sizeland, City Manager of Grosse Pointe Park, requested a list of native plants from the Beautification Commission to be considered for the city flower beds.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53pm. The motion was first made by Brian Colter and seconded by Brent Dreaver. The adjournment was approved by the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification commission.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Shellie Hansen, Recording Secretary of The Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission.

Shellie Hansen