



AGENDA - Recreation Commission

DATE: March 11, 2026 7:00 PM City Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - I. Approval of February 11th Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update and Presentation from OHM
 - I. Update and Presentation from OHM
- V. Unfinished Business
 - I. Next Meeting April 8th, 2026
 - II. West Entrance Seawall Repair
- VI. New Business
 - I. Marshmallow Drop
- VII. 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, February 11, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Mike Hindelang

Roll Call

Present: Chad Craig – Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Hindelang -Chair, Paul Spratt – Vice Chair, James Ceuninck - Secretary, Heather Hurley, Patrick Gleason (Council Liaison), Terry Ayrault and Roger Basse, Paul O'Donnell

Absent: Howard Bouton, Larry Haggart,

Approval of January 14th 2026, meeting minutes

Public Comment

- None

New Member Appointment

Heather Hurley – Appointed last week. 12 years in the park 15/12 -

5-Year Parks and Precreation Plan Discussion

The OHM visioning session , Eric D. will be taking over for Alex. The visioning plan had left us with a desire for an actual conversation. This discussion is will be used to create a document we can send to OHM.

What is OHM's role?

OHM – help prepare a recreation plan – 5yr plan is common to help with grants (that don't really apply to us. Evaluation of asset and asset life.

Their Deliverable is to tell us age and status of our Assets along with a estimation of how much more life they have.

Survey the people and provide an initial plan to Chad, Cindy and Nick, then the city will bring this to the commission.

How long is their contract? This contract is for a deliverable, not defined by time. Currently this is estimated to be complete in May

Open up to floor:

Mike H.

- Kayak launch has been growing, and how do we improve this?
- Marina should be part of this plan
- Unique aspects of the parks – passive Patterson and active Windmill Pointe. It is very important to keep this in mind.
- Different desires of the communities and how they change (example Pickleball) over the years.
- Keep in mind how can we plan without self inflicted wounds
- No wrong ideas.

Paul O’.

- Pool, how are we going to address it.
 - (Bones of the pool are good, but we need a large makeover – Chad)
- Pool is critical – (included kiddie pool)

Mike Bannon:

- Patterson Park
- Kayak launch
- Boardwalk (let s have a discussion) – Visibility to water, open up the views to the water. It could use more access points – maybe a better way to clean up the rip rap (busted concrete saving our park from the erosion). Accessibility
- Area near road, always wet (rain garden, or water mitigation)
- Gazebo
- Ice Skating

Roger B.

- Why the 5 year plan is important – both parks are very important – with several small business with in (movie, pool, concession, marina) a lot of the these amenities are coming to age to talk about the 5 year plan.
- Team should review the October 8th email from Cindy and Chad.
- We have a budget constraints and sometimes we need to let some things go.

Patrick G, -

- We have a lot of amenities engaged communities. Keep residents engaged

James C.

- Boardwalk – current status needed, plan for the future, what is next, how can we improve access, accessibility, improved view of the lake
- Kayak launch improvements
- Rule changes – Remove no swimming sign at Kayak launch, Allow lifejackets in the pool
- Playground (both parks)
- Splashpad
- Sledding hill – lights and steps
- Ice skating rink
- Aging bathroom facilities at Patterson
- Aging Marnia and Pier –
- Water access for fishermen on the pier (like in the past)

- Outdoor Basketball court, we don't have any
- Golf Practice area (Patterson)
- Fitness trail (Patterson)
- Pickleball reconfiguration
- Tennis courts
- Concession Stand
- We seem to have a lot of infrastructure headwinds, we need a plan as we may have more assets than we can maintain, we need to be equipped with the right information so that we can be prepared to make hard decisions.

Terry A.

- He has been here 50 years and has seen the progression of the parks -
- Interest evolve as should the parks.
- Phases of life changes list of activities
- Who is utilizing the parks
- Ice Skating - is a amenity that we should have (with chillers)
- Ways to market the parks to increase residents utilization of the amenities we currently have.
 - Terry offered his help with this from a marketing standpoint.
- Putting green – not maintained – They are very hard, does this get adequate use?
- We need a maintenance plan for the assets we have and we need to be staffed appropriately. It should be about pleasing residents and bringing in new ones in.
- We should have more community events and bring people together at the parks.
- Pickleball court reconfiguration (3 to 6 courts) we have the worst configuration of all the Pointes
- Fundraising – paying for things is outside the scope of this commission -
 - we have been pushing for more input into this. (how we spend money) and alternative sourcing.
- Maintain what people expect, while changing with the changes in usage patterns.

Paul S

- Putting Green - I use it all the time
- Horseshoe pit – are they utilized?
- **We are not in the prioritization phase yet but, I think we need to be in that phase before the survey goes out.**
- **It is our obligation and our feedback should be included in the framework .**

Heather H. -

- She loves the parks and they are very active with the Swim team –
- Pool – is one of the most important assets we have in the park.
- Programing and Events Planning – I is most important – activities (turn of tide) – Parks and rec - Halloween in the Park and other events -
- The 5 year plan, is this a living 5 year plan?
 - Mike H. - We think the goal is every 5 years we review this. And take a pulse of the tastes of the community
- **It is important for the survey taker to understand that this is 5 year plan, or a living plan.**

To Do:

- James to circulate notes to the team
- Chad will send this to OHM for integration into this plan.

- We need a date from OHM for the Maintenance list will be available - Chad to get a deliverable date
 - **We will try and meet in March, but if the Maintenance list is not complete in time we address in the April Meeting.**
- Chad to get Asset report due date and a survey status.
- Chad to communicate Terry's offer to make the survey more attractive, in order to increase participation rate.
- Chad to circulate the most current survey to the team

Final thoughts

- Roll of commission: we will need to be more involved in the forward looking priorities and be more advisory to Chad and team. We will be having more conversations in the future about how we will addressing the Asset plans.
- We need a maintenance plan for the assets we have and we need to be staffed appropriately. It should be about pleasing residents and bringing in new ones in.
- Resident Survey – Suggest that we have a introduction to the park... tell the story of how we obtained all of our amenities and then talk about our current state - this is where we are here and now.
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Adjournment: 8:40 pm



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Update and Presentation from OHM

SUMMARY: OHM will provide the commission with an update and status of the 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan, including the existing conditions report, current survey results, and project schedule.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Next Meeting April 8th, 2026

SUMMARY: The next Recreation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 11, 2026

SUBJECT: West Entrance Seawall Repair

SUMMARY: E.C. Korneffel will start on the seawall project in mid-March and if any work goes into the opening of the marina, the work will not interfere with boats entering or leaving the marina.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: March 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Marshmallow Drop

SUMMARY: Our annual Marshmallow Drop event will take place on Saturday, March 28th, at Matthew C. Patterson Park from 10:00 a.m. - noon. We will have a petting zoo, pony rides, pictures with the Easter Bunny, goodie bags, and our 5 golden eggs during each time slot. We have upped each time slot from 150 tickets to 175 tickets.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director