



AGENDA - Recreation Commission

DATE: April 8, 2026 7:00 PM Tompkins Community Center

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - I. Approval of March 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Director's Report
 - I. Director's Report
- V. Programming/Special Events
 - I. Summer Program Registration
 - II. After 6 on Kercheval
 - III. Lake Front Swimming Association Golf Tournament Fundraiser
- VI. Windmill Pointe Park
 - I. Maintenance and Facility Upkeep
- VII. Marina
 - I. Marina Updates and Projects
- VIII. Patterson Park
 - I. Kayak Contract Renewal
 - II. DTE Tree Work
 - III. Volunteer Gardening Dates
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - I. None
- X. New Business
 - I. None
- 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, March 11, 2026

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

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, Roger Basse, Paul O’Donnell, Larry Haggart, Howard Bouton

Absent: Michael Bannon

Approval of February 11th 2026, meeting minutes

- Amend 2-11-26 notes to add Michael Bannon to Present list, Minutes Approved

Public Comment

- None

5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan Update and Presentation from OHM

- Update and Presentation from OHM
 - Community Survey Closed 3/20/2026
 - Detailed Facility reviews of the W.P Pool, Ice Rink, Putting Green, Boardwalk, Patterson Park Playscape, Kayak launch and Gazebo.
 - **Pool** – ~\$1.7 Million USD in mechanical upgrades and Operational Improvements are needed in next couple year, with Plaster finishing, pool decking, concrete and joint sealant that needs to be addressed soon (~\$855K of the ~\$1.7Mil)
 - **Ice Rink** – Three scenarios presented
 - **Decommission** (low cost, system decommissioning and asbestos abatement),
New System (~\$800K), **Replace/Refurbish** (~\$300K - ~\$200K)
 - Option 2 & 3 will also require ~\$55K USD of annual operation costs
 - **Boardwalk – Short Term (0-5 Yr):** Power wash, anti-slip treatments, cutout heaving

boards due to tree growth. **Mid-Term (5-10 year):** Post replacement, reinforcement of structure, budget for phased rehab. **Long Term (10+ years):** Full reconstruction or replacement using alternative material such as composite decking and steel foundations (this will require new design to meet regulatory requirements). **Estimated Replacement Cost: ~\$2 Million USD**

- **Putting Green:** Baseline Maintenance estimate ~\$3,000 USD to replace cups, sleeves, and flags. Clean discolored turf and power broom surface. Full Resurfacing estimate ~\$95,500 USD
- **Gazebo and Kayak Launch:** Estimate gazebo costs ~10,500 - ~\$56,145 USD. Kayak launch with ADA Accessible dock and kayak launch Estimate ~\$60,350 USD
- **Patterson Playscape:** Ongoing volunteer upkeep to maintain structure as long as possible. Estimate costs: Minor Renovation: ~\$150K, Major Renovation: ~\$210k, Full Replacement: ~\$850K
- **Staffing numbers:** It was requested that OHM provide additional context surrounding the staffing numbers provided.
- **Capital Expenditures:** Requested historical data, how much have we spent on Capital improvement over the past 5 years? Need to make sure we have a clean split between Capital Improvement and Maintenance cost.
- **Marina:** This topic was not included in the Draft, this is an important part of our parks and information should be included. It was stated that there are ongoing actions to address the Marina, but the commission feels that visibility into this is needed in the 5yr plan. We need a understanding from the city as to who is responsible for the Fishing Pier (city or Marina) understanding that there may be a split in cost responsibility
- **Prioritizing Projects:** Each commissioner provided OHM with feedback as to what the top priority projects should be
- **Project Matrix:** The total outlined estimated cost of the above projects total over ~\$6 Million USD. It is important to understand that this does not include general costs such as HVAC, Roofs, etc.. We need to gain a understanding as to how we will capture these very real costs.
- **Project Schedule:** Community meeting will be scheduled in the next 3-4 weeks. Need to get this timing pinned down ASAP so that communications can be sent to the public

notifying them of the upcoming meeting.

- **Final Plan should be made to Parks and Rec Commission in May**

Unfinished Business

- Next Meeting April 8th, 2026
- West Entrance Seawall Repair - Contractor has assured Chad that this construction will not interfere with marina boaters.

New Business

- Marshmallow Drop – event date: 3/28, both timeslots have been sold out (175 kids per slot)

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Director's Report

SUMMARY: The Parks and Recreation Department hosted another successful Marshmallow Drop event on Saturday, March 28th, from 10am-noon. The event sold out. It was a bit chilly, but sunny. The Lavins Center recently dealt with a power outage that forced the Lavins Center to close for a couple of days and partially reopen for a couple of days due to no internet or phones. The facility also had to replace over 40 lights in the building due to the power outage. Hoppers and Project Hail Mary did well at the theaters, and we expect great numbers for The Super Mario Galaxy Movie, which will most likely be at the Okulski Theatre for 4 weeks. Project Hail Mary will most likely be replaced by Micheal or The Devil Wears Prada II.

We are working hard interviewing potential lifeguards, going through the hiring process for new lifeguards, along with returning lifeguards, selection of head lifeguards, swim team coaches, and morning lap swim lifeguards. The marina opens on April 15th, and we held a spring meeting for all gate staff and harbormasters on Monday, April 6th. Corin Vance is back from FMLA and is anxious to get going with the team, and I am excited to have her back with the team again as well. A special thank you to Sue Orlicki for stepping in temporarily and filling that role while Corin was out.

With the weather warming up, our grounds/gardening team have been replacing topsoil and mulch in the garden beds at Windmill Pointe Park. The facilities team is working on projects in the Lavins Center, and spring clean-up throughout the parks. The Lindell Lodge will also be available for rentals starting in April. I am also working on the 2027 department budget and capital improvement requests with Ethan Haan, Finance Director/Treasurer.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Summer Program Registration

SUMMARY: Registration for our summer programs will take place on Monday, April 13th, at 8:00am. Programs will include adult sand volleyball, knapsackers day camp, youth tennis lessons, youth swim lessons, comics-making series, mad science workshops and more.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: After 6 on Kercheval

SUMMARY: The After 6 on Kercheval dates for 2026 are the following:

Saturday, June 27th, 6-10pm

Saturday, July 25th, 6-10pm

Saturday, August 22nd, 6-10pm

Sponsorship letters have been mailed out, and we have lots of fun planned for attendees this summer, including some new carnival rides, the Jack Pine Lumberjack Show from Mackinaw City will return, and a 300' zip-line.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Lake Front Swimming Association Golf Tournament Fundraiser

SUMMARY: The Lakefront Swimming Association will be hosting its first annual golf tournament fundraiser. The funds raised from this outing will go towards replacing the outdated timing system we currently use. The outing will take place on Sunday, May 31st, 2026 at 9:00am, at the City of Saint Clair Shores Golf Club. \$125.00 per golfer and includes 18 holes, drink tickets, lunch, and a dinner banquet.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Push for as many Grosse Pointe Park teams to register to help our Mutant team and the league raise funds to replace our outdated timing equipment.

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Maintenance and Facility Upkeep

SUMMARY: The grounds team is trimming, is creating weed barriers, replacing topsoil and mulch around garden beds at Windmill Pointe Park. We are receiving quotes for a floor repair in the Tompkins Community Center. A compressor was replaced in the HVAC unit for the Meade Fitness Center, along with some shade replacement/repairs in the Meade Fitness Center and McKeever Lounge. The Facilities team will be painting some doors this week with the warmer temperatures. Pool deck concrete replacement and sealer is a priority to address before the start of the summer swim season. Aquatic Source will begin the pool opening process on Saturday, April 18th.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Marina Updates and Projects

SUMMARY: The barge arrived at the marina on Saturday, March 28th, and work began on Monday, March 30th. We anticipate the work to be completed by Friday, May 1st. The work will not impact any vessels entering or exiting the marina during the project. We're getting a second opinion from another consultant, Fleis & Vandenbrink for final design, bidding, and construction administration for the marina renovation. We are also working on a document that will define the marina.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Kayak Contract Renewal

SUMMARY: The Parks and Recreation team is currently renewing contracts for the 2026 season, which opens on Wednesday, April 15th, and we are also contacting residents on the waitlist for any open rack spaces. This year, rack holders have the option to pay for their rack online using CivicRec.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: DTE Tree Work

SUMMARY: Our City Forester, Mike Gllmore met with DTE regarding tree trimming along the Grand Marais and Bedford fence lines at Patterson Park. There will be a total of 83 trees/shrubs trimmed or removed. 80% of the removals are understory saplings, or trees that are dead or in decline. For power reliability purposes, the City is recommending the removal. DTE will post notices on the doors of the residents that back up to Patterson Park to provide a heads-up.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: TBD

RECOMMENDATION: My recommendation is to have these trees/shrubs trimmed or removed as they will only become a larger problem for us in the future and more money spent on removal if they are not addressed now.

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: April 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Volunteer Gardening Dates

SUMMARY: The Parks and Recreation Department recently purchased a gardening shed and new tools for the Beautification Commission and other volunteer groups. The tentative gardening volunteer dates are as follows:

Saturday, April 11th
Saturday, May 9th
Saturday, June 13th
July - TBD
9am-12pm.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$2,200.00

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



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SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



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SUMMARY:

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director