



## Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission

### Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2026 at 7:04 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

1. Call to Order:

Lisa Kyle called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

2. Roll Call:

Present: Lisa Kyle, Kelly Konieczki, Jima Creighton, Chris Danel, Pat Deck, Armen Gulian, Shellie Hansen, Barbara Miller and Lindsay Winn

Excused: Anne Billiu and Cheryl Gauss

City Council Member: Brent Dreaver

City Liaison: Tom Jenny

Guests: Lindsay Studders and Michael Gilmore (City Forester)

3. Approval of Minutes:

December 3, 2025 minutes were approved. Tom Jenny moved to approve and Lindsay Winn seconded the motion.

January 7, 2026 (Special Meeting) minutes were approved. Shellie Hansen moved to approve and Pat Deck seconded the motion.

4. Chairman's Comments:

Lisa Kyle made an official welcome to Chris Danel and Lindsay Winn to the commission. She also welcomed the new city forester, Michael Gilmore.

Lisa also let the commission know that Sharon Pierce resigned from the commission.

5. Financial Report:

Lisa Kyle handed out an updated report of the commission finance report. Jim Creighton inquired about prospective expenses. Brent Dreaver (City Council Member) noted that new projects should be presented to the city with an outline of budget expenses.

6. Correspondence:

Lisa Kyle let the commission know that they are now able to view emails sent to the commission.

7. Public Comment:

Lindsay Studders attended the meeting and let the commission know that she would like to join the Beautification Commission.

8. Promotion & Community Engagement:

Brent reported that Patterson Park will be adding irrigation spigots using directional boring.

9. New Business:

A. Arbor Week: Pat Deck reported that April 15 ~~(16)~~, 2026 will be the Arbor Week meeting to judge posters. There are 154 4th grade students eligible to participate. Lisa Kyle will be ordering the seedlings.

B. Spring Plant Exchange:

The Plant Exchange will be held on May 2, 2026 at 9:30am. Lisa Kyle, Armen Gulian and Kelly Konieczki will chair the event. An invitation will be sent to the Deeplands Garden

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C. Bylaws Update:

Lisa Kyle reported that the city is standardizing administrative processes for all commissions. The city will send revised bylaws for our review and approval. Jim Creighton volunteered to head a committee to review the by-laws.

10. Forestry Report:

Tom Jenny also introduced Michael Gilmore to the commission. He will be working for three of the Grosse Pointes. Michael Gilmore addressed the Commission.

Tom also reported that he submitted the 2025 Tree City USA application through the Arbor Day Foundation (43rd year).

11. Sustainability Committee Reports - Lisa Kyle & Kelly Konieczki:

The city Manager, Nick Sizeland let Lisa Kyle know that the rain garden project is progressing through the SEMCOG/EPA grant.

12. Old Business:

A. Holiday Awards - Pat Deck, Barbara Miller & Anne Billiu:

Pat Deck reported that sixty seven (67) certificates were mailed out to residents.

13. BCSEM & KMB - Pat Deck:

Pat Deck passed out a proposed plan for the Commission to host the BCSEM meeting on December 10, 2026. The event will be held at the Tompkins Center. The motion was made by Brent Dreaver to approve hosting the BCSEM meeting on December 10, 2026 with a budget cap of \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Barbara Miller and approved by consensus.

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm. The motion made by Armen Gulian and seconded by Jim Creighton. The adjournment was approved by consensus.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Shellie Hansen, Recording Secretary.