



## Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission Meeting Minutes - March 4, 2026 at 7:02 PM

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

**Call to Order:** Lisa Kyle, Chairperson of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**Roll Call:**

- Present: Lisa Kyle, Kelly Konieczki, Chris Danel, Pat Deck, Cheryl Gauss, Armen Gulian and Lindsay Winn.
- Excused: Anne Billiu, Barbara Miller and Jim Creighton.
- City Council Member: Brent Dreaver
- City Liaison: Tom Jenny
- Guests: NONE

**Approval of Minutes:** February 4, 2026 minutes approved with corrections.

- Section 2: the a was removed from Jim's name.
- Section 9A: the date was changed to April 15, 2026.

Cheryl Gauss moved to approve, and Chris Danel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus.

**Chairman's Comments:**

- Lindsay Studder's application is approved by Mayor Michele Hodges, City Council will vote at their meeting on March 9, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
- Lisa Kyle handed out an updated roster to the commission.
- Lisa also let it be known that Volunteer Workday will be at Patterson Park on April 11, 2026 at 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM.
- An updated 2026 Commission calendar was passed out to the commission:
  - December 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM will be added for the BCSEM Meeting hosted by the commission at Tompkins Community Center.

**Financial Report:**

A financial report of updated expenses was passed out. The seedlings for the Arbor Day Poster contest will be added next month.

**Correspondence:**

Kelly Konieczki received an email from Monarch Watch, thanking the Commission for the generous donation of milkweed seeds.

**Public Comment:** NONE

**Promotion and Community Engagement:**

Lisa let the commission know that the Holiday Awards winners and the article on spotted lanternfly was not included in the Park Scene due to space issues.

Brent Dreaver let the commission know that the Park Scene will be available at city hall going forward and will not be mailed out.

**New Business:**

- Arbor Week - Pat Deck let the commission know the estimated cost for the Arbor Poster contest is approximately \$870.00. She also let everyone know that a copy of the history of the event will be attached to the seedlings given

to each student. Pat will need volunteers to help distribute the posters throughout the city businesses.

- Spring Plant Exchange - Lisa Kyle/Armen Gulian: The Spring Exchange will take place on May 2, 2026 at 9:30am at the Tompkins Center. Commissioners are asked to be there by 8:00am.

**Bylaws:**

Lisa Kyle handed out documents for proposed revisions of our bylaws with the goal of aligning our bylaws to the most recent city ordinance governing the commission:

- Current Commission Bylaws
- Revised Bylaws from the City Attorney that bring our bylaws in alignment with the ordinance
- The current GPP Ordinance governing the commission

Jim Creighton will chair the committee to review the documents and collect suggested revisions from commissioners. Tom Jenny, Pat Deck and Anne Billiu will serve on the committee. Commissioners should submit their suggested revisions to the committee by April 15, 2026.

**Forestry Report - Tom Jenny:**

Tom Jenny reported that the city will spend \$14,000.00 on new trees this spring/summer.

Lisa Kyle will go through files of Brian Colter of previous tree sales. Tom Jenny and Lisa Kyle will work with the city forester, Michael Gilmore, to arrange a new tree sale for the fall season.

Lisa passed out information/pictures of the spotted lanternfly and its egg masses that are being publicized for community education.

**Sustainability Committee Reports:**

Kelly Konieczki reported that she is working on the proclamation for the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and went over upcoming volunteer dates.

**Old Business:** NONE

**BCSEM & KMB Report - Pat Deck:**

Pat Deck gave an overview of the KMB & BCSEM Celebrate Spring event being held on April 8, 2026 at the Gazebo Banquet Center in Warren, Michigan.

**Additions to the Agenda:** NONE

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. The motion was made by Cheryl Gauss and seconded by Armen Gulian. The adjournment was approved by consensus.

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