



AGENDA - Recreation Commission

DATE: August 19, 2026 7:00 PM City Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - I. Approval of June 29, 2026, Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Directors Report
- V. Programming/Special Events
 - I. After 6 on Kercheval
 - II. Camp Wind-Y-Mill
- VI. Windmill Pointe Park
 - I. Aquatics
 - II. Facility Upkeep
- VII. Marina
 - I. Phase II Site Visit
- VIII. Patterson Park
 - I. Pickleball Court Renovation
 - II. Theatre in the Park
 - III. Fire Hydrant at Dog Park
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - I. Parks and Recreation Millage Discussion
- X. New Business
- 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, June 29, 2026

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Hindelang at 7:02pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Michael Bannon, Howard Bouton, Heather Hurley

Approval of May 29th meeting minutes:

Meeting minutes Approved with corrections.

Corrections: Spelling change, Added OHM – that misleading – Michael H. stated that this information is held in the appendix.

Public Comment

- None

Directors Report

- July 28th Red Cross blood Drive, this is the 3rd blood drive of the year.
- July 15th is the switch for pool use (Farms Residents)
- Team has added signage in efforts to reduce biohazards in the pool.
- Updates on Movie showings

5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

- **Follow-up Disussion of plan - team was requested to Think Big and Small about what we would like to see in the parks now that the 5-Year plan is complete**
 - Howard and Heather sent an email in their absence to address the question.

There were many items discussed in the meeting, these items were split into three categories (Capital, Policy, Maintenance).

The team only focused on items called out as Capital, Items in **Bold** should be considered for further discussion

Programing

- Better Access to Basketball Court (Open gym, pay to play) - Programing.
- Fishing Tournaments – Programing

Policy

- Life Jackets in the Pool should be revisited - Policy.
- Increased Hours at Patterson – Policy
- Increased Hours in the spring a few weeks before the Marina opens for fishermen to enjoy the spring run, Windmill Pointe. – Policy
- Allow Swimming and fishing at Patterson Park – Policy
- Allowing Life Jackets in the Pool should be revisited - Policy.

Maintenance

- Meadow at Patterson Park – Maintenance
- Improve fence line near pier entrance – Maintenance.

Capital (Items in **BOLD to be discussed further)**

- **Shade needed in the Pool and Splash pad - Capital.**
- **Larger pavilions at both parks for shade - Capital**
- **Sauna and steam room at Windmill Pointe - Capital**
- Outdoor Basketball - Capital
- **Walk/Bike Path entrance at Patterson – Capital**
- Covered Pavillion for Horseshoes, cornhole, bocce – Capital.
- **Wiffleball field - Capital**
- Foot cleaning station at Kayak Launch - Capital
- **Disc Golf (practice basket at Patterson) - Capital**
- **Golf Simulator - Capital**
- **Fishing Pier Upgrades (Shade, picnic tables, fish cleaning station) - Capital**

- Mini Golf - Capital
- **Restrooms/ concessions Update/ Upgrade at Windmill Pointe Park – Capital**
- **Lighting Sledding hill and Boardwalk– Capital**
- Removing the Fountain in the kid pool - Capital
- Phone Charging station - Capital
- Selfie station - Capital
- Vehicle charging stations (for pay) – Capital.
- **Pump track – Capital.**
- Stage (multi use) – Capital.
- Shed for Swim equipment / storage container – Capital.
- **Outdoor Playground game for teens - Capital**
- Bathroom Updates – Capital
- Outdoor Workout equipment - Capital

Other Comments

- Keep in mind the limited resources we have and how items may affect workload.
- We are amenity rich and resource poor, let's get started on Year 1 of the 5-Year Plan

Next Steps

- Walk/Bike Path entrance at Patterson – Capital – James and Paul to review for proposal.
- Disc Golf (practice basket at Patterson) – Capital - James and Paul to look at location.
- Lighting Sledding hill and Boardwalk- Capital – Chad to investigate.
- Work with Patrick Gleason on next steps for the items below:
 - **Shade needed in the Pool and Splash pad - Capital.**
 - **Larger pavilions at both parks for shade - Capital**
 - **Sauna and steam room at Windmill Pointe – Capital**
 - **Walk/Bike Path entrance at Patterson – Capital**
 - **Wiffleball field - Capital**
 - **Disc Golf (practice basket at Patterson) - Capital**
 - **Golf Simulator - Capital**
 - **Fishing Pier Upgrades (Shade, picnic tables, fish cleaning station) - Capital**
 - **Restrooms/ Concessions Update/ Upgrade at Windmill Pointe Park – Capital**

- **Lighting Sledding hill and Boardwalk– Capital**
- **Pump track – Capital.**
- **Outdoor Playground game for teens - Capital**

Marina

- Chad to follow up on when we will have designs for the Marina.
- Chad and Tom to bid specs.

Unfinished Business

- Next Meeting August 19th
- July After 6 Update
 - Bike parade sign-up has been a huge success with over 250 riders signing up to participate in the bike parade

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 9:27pm



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: After 6 on Kercheval

SUMMARY: Our first two events were incredibly successful, and I anticipate that the August 22 event will be our largest to date. We have lots of fun planned with live music, two carnival rides, a mechanical bull, the GP South Dance Team Fundraiser Dunk Tank, a performance by Mack Avenue Dance, food trucks, and street vendors. A special thank you to this year's presenting sponsors: Brosnan Builders, Thermal Mechanical Service, Ahee Jewelers, and Henry Ford Health, along with all of our other series sponsors!

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Camp Wind-Y-Mill

SUMMARY: Camp Wind-Y-Mill 2026, presented by Charlene Williams of Sine and Monaghan Realtors, Your Mortgage Guy Chris of John Adams Mortgage, and Brosnan Builders, will take place on Friday, September 11–Sunday, September 13. Some of the weekend activities will include an outdoor movie, a foam party, outdoor games, live music, inflatables, a tailgate zone, swimming (weather dependent) a glow dance party, and breakfast on Sunday morning.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Aquatics

SUMMARY: It has been a successful summer at the pools so far this summer. Activity at the pools has been busy. The Mutant swim team finished third at the Lake Front Swim Finals. GP Farms residents switched pool locations on July 16 and have been very positive about their experiences at Windmill Pointe Park this summer. We have had an exceptional season with our lifeguard and coaching staff.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Facility Upkeep

SUMMARY: The new gymnasium rooftop HVAC unit at the Lavins Activity Center was installed and is working great. There was a large crack repair on the terrazzo floor in the Tompkins Community Center. The Tompkins Center slate roof along with the outside gatehouse slate roof were cleaned and power washed. The windows at the Lavins Activity Center and the Tompkins Center were also cleaned. We are also implementing a digital download for our movies, which will be a nice cost savings for the theaters, and that should be finished within the next couple of weeks.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Phase II Site Visit

SUMMARY: Tom Fraser, Mike Krause, and I met with the project team from Abonmarche for a site visit on Friday, July 31. We discussed the marina improvements and project timeline.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Pickleball Court Renovation

SUMMARY: The pickleball court renovations are scheduled to start on September 8. The fence installation will take 3–4 days, followed by approximately 3 weeks of work for the court resurfacing and striping. Both contractors were delayed due to rain and heat earlier in the summer, which made it difficult to line their schedules up. August is also a difficult time for the court contractor as they are finishing up a lot of school projects before the school year starts back up again, and we wanted the least amount of downtime as possible. We will make the courts at the Lavins Activity Center available for reservations as much as possible while the project takes place.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Theatre in the Park

SUMMARY: Theatre in the Park will take place at Patterson Park 8/24 - 8/28. We have 19 children participating in the program led by Sharron Corbin and her team. The theme of this year's camp is kindness. Students will rehearse scenes, sing and play improvisational games. Their performance will be on Friday, August 28, at 1 pm.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Fire Hydrant at Dog Park

SUMMARY: GPP resident Paul Fershee donated a fire hydrant to the Parks and Recreation Department. Katie and Sue Orlicki from our Grounds and Gardening team painted the hydrant to look like a dalmatian fire dog, and the grounds team installed it in the dog park for visitors to enjoy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: Chad Craig, Parks & Recreation Director



RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: August 19, 2026

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Millage Discussion

SUMMARY: August 22 After 6 on Kercheval participation and general discussion.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

PREPARED BY: