

Grosse Pointe Park Recreation Commission Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Tompkins Community Center

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Chairman Bob Klacza

Present: Chairman Bob Klacza, Chad Craig – Parks and Recreation Director, Mary Beth Hathaway - Activities Center Manager, John Chouinard - Council member, Roy Edmonds, Carla Palffy, Mike Hindelang and Stacey Jarvis.

Excused: Larry Haggart, Marty McMillan, Matt LaBeau, Gerry Schilling

Approval of September 5, 2018 meeting minutes; approved pending small date change.

Windmill Pointe Park

- Tree Lighting – 5:00 – 6:30
 - November 17th
 - No market this year
 - Reindeer to roam the park
 - Pictures with Santa
 - 200 usually attend
 - Choirs to sing
 - Cookies and Hot Chocolate this year
- Lunch with Santa
 - Saturday, December 1st
 - 3 Sessions
- Chilly Fest
 - January 19th
 - Chili Cook-off
 - Bounce Houses
 - Pony Rides
 - Ice Skating Competition
 - Wayne State Sports Teams volunteer
 - 2,000 usually attend
- Park Attendance
 - 131,878 an increase of 17,470 from previous year
- Commercial Kitchen
 - Contractor currently working on blue prints
- Park Winterization
 - Still working on completing

Lavin's Activity Center

- Afternoon Out –
 - 1st movie of the year

- Added a few showings
- Pickleball Courts in the gym
 - Jan 2-4
 - Charge \$20/hour
- Otago Exercise Program Workshop
 - Popular so far
 - Balance, strength and fall prevention

Marina

- Rub Rail
 - Completed 140 of them
- Water Safety Equipment
 - Maybe a Boy Scout Safety Project
- We have 270 boat slips and only 4-5 are not utilized due to size

Patterson Park

- Skate Swap
 - Nov 26th at 6 pm
- Ice Rink Conversion
 - Rink will open on the Friday after Thanksgiving
- Park Attendance
 - 28,469 total up 10,000 from previous year
- Maintenance Garage Roof – new
- Maintenance Garage Door – will be installed
- Leaf Removal

Gardening

- Tree Lighting
 - Slightly behind because tree just arrived
- Holiday light pole pots
 - Christmas decorations are going out now
- Holiday decorations
 - Doing this now

Old Business

- Halloween in the Park
 - Numbers down slightly from previous years likely due to weather

New Business

- Saturday Night Throwback on Charlevoix
 - Successful. Plan to continue next year.

Adjournment: Next meeting: TBD @ Tompkins Community Center