

COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 9, 2018

7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Monday, April 9, 2018, and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The following were present: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk and Dennis J. Levasseur, City Attorney

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF  
THE TOTH FAMILY

Mayor Denner stated the Grosse Pointe community is mourning the death of the Toth family of Grosse Pointe Park, who were perished in an automobile accident on their way home from a spring vacation. All present honored the Toth family with a moment of silence.

MINUTES – MARCH 12, 2018

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration the minutes of March 12, 2018 meeting for approval.

Motion by Councilmember Grano, supported by Councilmember Read, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018 as presented.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

RECOGNITION OF ARBOR WEEK

Brian Colter, City Forester presented to Mayor and Council recognition of Arbor Week. He noted that Grosse Pointe Park has achieved Tree City USA for thirty-five consecutive years. The criteria for such an award includes \$2.00 per capita spent on trees, having a tree ordinance and a board of commissioners, and to recognize Arbor Day each year. Grosse Pointe Park continually meets the criteria for the recognition of Tree City USA. He also noted that Grosse Pointe Park has received the growth award for fourteen consecutive years.

Mayor Denner presented the resolution and read it aloud. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Mayor Denner, City Council and Members of the Beautification Commission have established the day of April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day, and

WHEREAS, the Beautification Commission in recognition of Arbor Day has established an Arbor Day Poster Contest for area fourth grade students, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the awards is to promote community awareness and involvement in Arbor Day by the students as well as an appreciation of the many benefits of trees, now, therefore, be it so

RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner, City Council, and Members of the Beautification Commission hereby recognize the day of April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Robson, to adopt the resolution recognizing Arbor Week.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

#### RESOLUTION HONORING FATHER ANDREW KOWALCZYK

Mayor Denner presented to Council for consideration recognition of Father Andrew Kowalczyk for his 25 years of service as a dedicated priest.

The resolution reads as follows:

#### FATHER ANDREW KOWALCZYK, CSMA RESOLUTION 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ORDINATION INTO PRIESTHOOD

WHEREAS, Mayor Denner and Members of Council recognize Father Andrew Kowalczyk for his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination into priesthood;

WHEREAS, Father Andrew was ordained on May 2, 1993, in Krakow, Poland;

WHEREAS, Father Andrew is Pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco Catholic Church, a Catholic Community in Grosse Pointe Park and Detroit, Michigan;

WHEREAS, Father Andrew was appointed Pastor of St. Clare of Montefalco, November 16, 2012;

WHEREAS, Father Andrew is also named Pastoral Administrator of St. Philomena Parish, Detroit, Michigan;

WHEREAS, Father Andrew served as the North American Provincial of the Michaelite Fathers;

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Father Andrew has worked closely with the parishioners of St. Clare of Montefalco where the church continues to serve as a stable, meaningful and beautiful landmark in Grosse Pointe Park;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Denner and Members of Council recognize Father Andrew for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrating his Ordination into Priesthood.

Motion by Mayor Denner, supported by Councilmember Read, to adopt the resolution recognizing Father Andrew Kowalczyk for the 25 years as an ordained priest.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Denner stated there were no committee reports since the Council last met.

#### FINANCE REPORT – MARCH 2018

Councilmember for Finance Detwiler presented to Mayor and Council for the consideration the March invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of March, 2018, as presented.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment</u>
Bodman, PLC	Legal fees	\$ 10,000
Build Safe Inspection Services	Building Inspector	13,686
Great Lakes Water Authority	Water usage January	111,343
Breathing Air Systems	Air fill station plus cylinder	15,874
Great Lakes Water Authority	Waste water for February	145,000
Green for Life	Recycling for March	11,470
Green for Life	Refuse for March	26,410

Councilmember Detwiler stated the invoice for Breathing Air Systems in the amount of \$15,874 includes \$6,349 will be reimbursed by Grosse Pointe City.

Motion by Councilmember Detwiler, supported by Councilmember Robson, to approve the invoices exceeding \$5,000 for the month of March, 2018, as presented in accordance with Section 2.249 of the Charter.

AYES: Councilmembers Read, Robson, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

NAYS: None

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark and Chouinard

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

1215 Wayburn:

Resident stated the property at 1215 Wayburn is in need of maintenance to bring the property up to code.

City Manager stated the property is scheduled for demolition.

Mayor Denner apologized for the deferred maintenance and thanked the property owner for his comments.

15308 Kercheval:

Business entrepreneur presented to Council for consideration an eatery and tasting room that would be located at 15308 Kercheval. She noted the Mead alcoholic beverage services is made with honey rather than grapes and flavoring could be added to order.

The hours of operation would be Tuesday through Sunday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00, or possibly 10:00 p.m. Food would include cold meats, cheese and fruit.

Mayor Denner thanked the business entrepreneur for vetting the Council on her idea to establish an eating and tasting room in Grosse Pointe Park.

Councilmember Robson stated he visited such an establishment in Royal Oak and said the honey flavored wine was delicious.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.