

# City of Grosse Pointe Park

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## City of Grosse Pointe Park Ethics Review Board Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Per the MDHHS Epidemic Order regarding meeting size and to continue to minimize the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be held electronically. See instructions below for how to join the meeting and guidelines for meeting conduct.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Discussion of proposed Ethics Opinion 2001-01
- IV. Adjournment

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### Guidelines for Public Participants

1. All virtual meetings will be conducted via Zoom with a dial-in option. If you join the meeting utilizing the Zoom app on your computer/tablet/phone, you will be able to listen, see the Committee members, and make a public comment if you desire to do so. **We are not allowing the public to utilize a webcam during the meeting.** If you join the meeting with your webcam on, it will be disabled by the host.

2. All meeting materials and meeting information is available on the City website at [www.grossepointepark.org](http://www.grossepointepark.org)
3. The meeting will start promptly at the time listed on the meeting notice. **Public participants will be permitted to join the meeting five minutes before the meeting is scheduled to start.**
4. When you are ready to join the meeting, please make sure your line is muted to decrease background noise. Public participant lines have to remain muted until the public comment portion of the meeting. **Also make sure your webcam is disabled before you join.** If you join the meeting with your webcam on, it will be disabled by the host.
5. If you decide you want to make a public comment, please utilize the raise hand function in the Zoom app or on the phone **during the agenda item before the appropriate public comment period.** To raise your hand on the phone, press \*9. Staff will add you to the public comment queue list.
6. **When the public comment period begins,** the Chair will review the process for public comments. After the process is reviewed, the Chair will call on a Staff member to read any public comments that were submitted via written statement. When those are completed, the Chair will call for any spoken public comment. A staff member will call on public participants by either the last four digits of your phone number or your participant name listed in the Zoom app. Public participants will be called in the order they were added to the queue list. Public participants who do not respond within ten seconds of their phone number or screen name being called will be skipped and the next person in line will be called on. This method will continue until all public participants have had the opportunity to comment. **All public comments shall not exceed three minutes and a timer will be displayed on the screen.**
7. Once the public comment period is done, the Chair will end the meeting.

**Hosts will have the ability to and will remove participants from the meeting if they breach the peace in such a way that disrupts or interferes with the meeting.**



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE PARK  
BOARD OF ETHICS COMPLAINT 2021-01**

**DECISION**

**OCTOBER 7, 2021**

**ADMINISTRATIVE DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

Anna Signorino filed an Ethics Complaint form with the Grosse Pointe Park City Clerk on September 21, 2021. The Complaint alleges that City Manager Sizeland unfairly retaliated against Ms. Signorino by suspending her park pass. The Ethics Review Board (“ERB”) thoroughly reviewed the complaint and issues the following opinion:

The complainant attempts to state claims related to an incident at Patterson Park and alleges that the sanction imposed by the City Manager, temporary suspension of a park pass, was without factual predicate, beyond the scope of his powers and retaliatory. We reach none of the merits of the claims because the Board of Ethics Review is without jurisdiction in this matter.

The Ethics Ordinance was not promulgated with the intent that the ERB serve as a Special Master or Court of Appeal for decisions made by City actors in the course of their administrative duties. As we see it, whether a city employee or other actor exceeded his/her authority or acted without an appropriate factual foundation involve issues of law and fact that are the province of the City Council.

A claim under the Ethics Ordinance is only appropriate where the allegations are tied to specific elements of the Ordinance. At its core, the Ethics Ordinance was written to prevent city actors from using public resources for personal gain of any sort. The issues presented here, however, involve whether the City Manager did or did not properly do his job. Such claims are first and foremost for the City political and administrative structure to resolve. Accordingly, we do not believe the claims being raised are ones properly before this Board and the Complaint is dismissed

Signatures on Following Page.

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Lawrence Mann

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David Breen