



## MINUTES

Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Chapter of the GPBR

Tuesday, April 28, 2026 @ 1:00PM Via Zoom

**President:** Donna O'Keefe

**President Elect:** Jimmy Saros

**(6) Regents Present:** Donna O'Keefe (PRES), Jimmy Saros (PRES ELECT), Ryan Lally (Secretary), Lara Miller, Laura Peters, Lynne Shine Williams,

**(4) Regents Absent:** Alexis DeLuca (Past Pres), Mackenzie Holguin (YPA), Jamie Begin (did not have invite), Ryan Peck

**(1) Liaisons, & (2) MT Present:** Brian Rumohr, Debbie Fajardo (MT), Jen Hild (MT)

**(4) Liaisons Absent:** Chris DeRosier, Donna O'Neil, Melissa Singh, Chace Wakefield

- I. **Called to order** at 1:03 PM
- II. **Approval of the prior meeting** for 3/17/26, M/S/P.
- III. **President's Report** (O'Keefe)
  - A. **Membership Count:** 296 Primary Members, plus 15 Secondary, 3 Corporate Partners and 8 Affiliates equals 322 total chapter members.
  - B. **Upcoming Board/Chapter Events:** 4/30 "Tacos & Tequila" RPAC II Fundraiser, 5/5 AI class, 5/6 Appraisal Workshop, 5/7 Happy Hour (HW-GP Chapter), 5/8 Roundtable, Broker Owner meetings.
- IV. **New Business:**
  - A. GPPSS 3/26: Donna attended their event, they spoke about expansion of virtual learning programs.
  - B. Recap of MR's Broker Summit: Attendees learned about various proposed property tax relief measures, including potential changes to transfer taxes, as well as discussions about state versus local zoning control. NAR has a lot of info for everybody: NAR.Broker. property tax relief discussions were talked about.
- V. **Old Business:**
- VI. **HW/GP Happy Hours 2026:** 5/7 Alma Kitchen: Brian Rumohr of 5/3 is the sponsor.
- VII. **Municipal, YPN, and Affiliate Reports:** The meeting also covered updates on bond requirements for certificates of occupancy across different municipalities, with specific details shared about requirements in Harper Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, and Grosse Pointe City.
  - A. **Affiliate Committee** – Peters: is holding a speed Networking event on 6/18 with the YPN AG at Buffalo Wild Wings
  - B. **The Hill Association** – Peters: the Hill Association took a hiatus due to the passing of Dan Lalonde
  - C. **GP Park** – DeRosier:
    1. Charlevoix construction project to begin this week and run through October, finishing in Spring of 2027. Lots more info available with link: <https://www.grossepointepark.org/356/Charlevoix-Streetscape-Project>
    2. Park Farmers Market: Every Saturday June Through Sept. This is an increase of 25% more weekends year over year. Same location and times as previous years.

3. Water meter replacement: Many residents will be getting letters to replace the water meter in the house. Should be no cost to residents and help with billing and final water reads: <https://www.grossepointepark.org/457/Water-Meter-Replacement-Program>
  4. Kercheval After 6: June 27th, July 25th and Aug 22nd.
  5. Marina Wall work: Started and should be done by the end of April
- C. **GP Chamber of Commerce** – Rumohr: provided details about several upcoming Grosse Pointe Chamber of Commerce events, including the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Legacy on the Lake, and the Grosse Pointe Art Festival. He also introduced a new low-cost credit card processor called Zephy and announced a new mortgage product at 4.5% for low to moderate income buyers.
- D. **GP City** - O'Neill:
1. The City lost a federal grant of \$21MM for the sewer project and are reassessing the scope of the project.
  2. A new Public Safety millage is being proposed to cover a budget shortfall: considerations are 1, 2 or 2.5 mils.
  3. EVENTS
    - A. A family-fun Memorial Day celebration is planned at Neff Park. More details to follow
    - B. 5/2 Bark & Browse (*NEW event for our four-legged friends!*)
    - C. 5/7 Paint The Village (*formerly Paint the Windows*)
- E. **GP Farms** – Lally: absent
- F. **GP Shores** – Wakefield: absent
- G. **GP Woods** – O'Keefe: absent
- H. **Harper Woods** – Singh: Harper Woods: -Fraser Square devolvement still on going. Additional structures being built and applications accepted for new home buyer.
- I. **YPN** - Mackenzie Holguin: absent
- VIII. **Open discussion:** None
- IX. **Next Meeting:** 5/26 at 1 PM via Zoom  
**Future Meetings:** 6/30, 8/4, 9/8, 10/13, 11/17
- X. **Meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Rand Fajardo, MT