



MINUTES

Harper Woods/Grosse Pointe Chapter of the GPBR

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 @ 1:00PM Via Zoom

President: Donna O'Keefe

President Elect: Jimmy Saros

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- (7) Regents Present:** Donna O'Keefe (PRES), Alexis DeLuca (Past Pres), Ryan Lally (Secretary), Jamie Begin, Lara Miller, Laura Peters, Lynne Shine Williams,
- (3) Regents Absent:** *Jimmy Saros (PRES ELECT), Mackenzie Holguin (YPA), Ryan Peck*
- (3) Liaisons, & (2) MT Present:** Chris DeRosier, Brian Rumohr, Melissa Singh, MT Debbie Fajardo & Jen Hild
- (2) Liaisons Absent:** Donna O'Neil, Chace Wakefield

- I. **Called to order** at 1:01 PM
- II. **Approval of the prior meeting** for 4/28/26, M/S/P.
- III. **President's Report** (O'Keefe)
 - A. **Membership Count:** has not changed, we are at 296.
 - B. **Upcoming Board/Chapter Events:** 6/3 HECM , 6/4 Happy Hour, 6/9 Drive Yourself, 6/17 CE, 6/19 Speed Networking, 6/24 GMM
- IV. **New Business:**
 - A. Certificate of Occupancy for the City of Grosse Pointe issues were brought up at the Broker Owner Meeting. It was mentioned that inspections have been "tough". None were reported by the regents or liaisons in attendance but asked if they would bring up the topic at their next office meetings and report back at the next Chapter Regents Meeting.
- V. **Old Business:**
- VI. **HW/GP Happy Hours 2026:**
- VII. **Municipal, YPN, and Affiliate Reports:**
 - 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: Laura mentioned Dan LaLonde, President of the The Hill Association passed away and they have plans for a memorial bench and a July 18th Thrive on the Hill event with 22 vendors. Pearl is shooting a commercial. Bike racks are to be placed on the Hill. The Helm has opened an Adult Day Care with lunch and snacks.
 - C. **GP Park** – DeRosier: Chris provided updates on Grosse Pointe Park's pool sharing arrangement with Farms residents: ½ to the Woods and ½ to the parks. The Water Meter report is underway. The sidewalk project repairs are underway. Charlevoix reconstruction is underway. Farmers Markets are going on from 9am – 12pm. Kercheval after 6pm. and ongoing construction projects.
 - C. **GP Chamber of Commerce** – Rumohr: 6/11 Legacy on the Lake – tickets are still available on the chapter site and at the War Memorial. They have an Art Festival coming up and Welcome Kits are still available at city hall.
 - D. **GP City** - O'Neill: Absent
 - E. **GP Farms** – Lally: discussed the division of the pool access. The Pump Station is still an issue, it's stinky. The question is, "Who is responsible?" Plans have been submitted to

the city counsel for a child care center at FKA JoAnne Fabrics.

- F. **GP Shores** – Wakefield: Absent
- G. **GP Woods** – O’Keefe: Rezoning will be updated with the grant. They are sharing the pool with the Farms. Music on the Plaze at City Hall is the last Friday of the month.
- H. **Harper Woods** – Singh: Harper Woods: no much going on. Certificat of Occupancy inspections are \$200, they have a new inspector and will no longer require a separate HVAC inspection if it’s 5 years or newer.
- I. **YPN** - Mackenzie Holguin: Absent
- J. **Community Outreach** - O’Keefe: The committee made a motion that the Marilyn Stanitzke bequest be used as a book club at The Helm of 15 books per month. Collections at the 6/24 GMM will be for the Macomb Foster Closet. Life Remodeled will be in Detroit in September, please look for more info and volunteer.
- VIII. **Open discussion:** Laura Peters Name Badge will be completed soon and available by the 6/24 GMM. Chris DeRosier discussed House Bills 5872-5876 regarding property tax changes, with concerns raised about the impact on local zoning authority. He stated MR is backing the bills, but some locals are not.
- IX. **Next Meeting:** 6/30 at 1 PM via Zoom
Future Meetings: 8/4, 9/8, 10/13, 11/17
- X. **Meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Rand Fajardo, MT

Action Items:

- **Ryan Lally:** Investigate and report back on what is being done about the pump station/sewage odor issue in Grosse Pointe Farms.
- **All Chapter Regents & Liaisons:**
 - All members/offices: At next office meetings, ask brokers/agents if they have experienced issues with Grosse Pointe City inspection processes and report findings to the board for further review.
 - If you are aware of local community projects (preferably existing) that could benefit from the Maryland Steninski bequest, provide suggestions to Samsung for consideration by Community Outreach.