

REVIEW PROCESS FOR GRAND PRIX REQUEST TO EXTEND THE EVENT AT BELLE ISLE PARK

Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee meeting – 9 a.m. Friday, July 13, 2018

- Michael Montri, Detroit Grand Prix president, will give a presentation on a proposal to extend the use of Belle Isle Park for the Grand Prix event.
- The presentation may be followed by discussion among Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee members.
- Public comment also will be welcomed, as this is a regular meeting of the advisory committee.
- The Detroit Grand Prix presentation will be posted to the committee website (at michigan.gov/dnrmeetings, under Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee)

Use Permit Application

Detroit Grand Prix officials informed the Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division that following the committee meeting, a formal application for a use permit will be sent to the DNR for review and consideration.

The DNR will:

- Review the Detroit Grand Prix use permit application for completeness and then post it to the Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee website for public review.
- Review the proposed application to identify questions and/or modifications that would be needed before a final decision could be made, and then communicate with Detroit Grand Prix officials to clarify information in the application.
- Update the proposed application to reflect any necessary modifications, and post that updated application to the public committee website on or about July 23, 2018.
- Accept public comments, questions and other feedback via email at DNR-GrandPrix-Proposal@michigan.gov through Aug. 2, 2018.
- Hold a special meeting of the Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee Thursday, Aug. 2, at 6 p.m. (location to be determined). At that meeting:
 - DNR staff will review and discuss the department's tentative decision.
 - The public will have a final opportunity for comment.
- When the decision is final, the DNR will inform the public and the Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee.

Review process guidelines

DNR Parks and Recreation Division policy states that applications for events requiring department oversight must undergo a review process to ensure that all relevant information related to the use permit has been provided by the applicant. Needed information may include, but is not limited to:

- Scope of the event.
- Business plan.
- Proof of insurance.
- Appropriate liability coverage.

Review process criteria

The use applicant also must provide information that the DNR will use to evaluate the potential impact of a proposed event. These may include:

- Compatibility with the Belle Isle Park Strategic Management Plan.
- Compliance with any Land Use Restrictions.
- Determining whether the event conflicts with other existing permits/leases, etc.
- Effects on a facility or site.
- Effects on natural resources.
- Anticipated level of use.
- Estimated number of participants/attendees.
- Duration of the event.

Once the criteria are evaluated, the final assessment is used to determine whether the event should be held and any appropriate fees.

Additional criteria

Due to the uniqueness, size and history of the Detroit Grand Prix, the DNR will consider additional factors in making a final decision about the use permit application. Other criteria may include:

- Environmental impact.
- Economic impact, both for Belle Isle Park and for the city of Detroit.
- Impact on park visitors.
- To-date public comments that have been shared with the DNR over the last 10 months, including the September 2017 public listening session on Belle Isle.