



City of Pleasant Ridge

Members of the Recreation Commission and Residents: This shall serve as your official notification of the Regular Recreation Commission Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, 7:00 P.M., at the **Pleasant Ridge Community Center**, 4 Ridge Road, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069. The following items are on the agenda for your consideration:

REGULAR RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration of the following minutes:
 - a. Regular Recreation Commission Meeting held Wednesday, August 27, 2014.
4. *PUBLIC COMMENTS*- items not on the agenda.
5. Consideration of the report on the renovation to Gainsboro Park.
6. Consideration of the Park Improvement Millage Fact Sheet.
7. Consideration of the report of the project sub-committees:
 - a. Art Fair
 - b. Community Enrichment
 - c. Community Garden
 - d. Health, Wellness & Play
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment.

RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2014

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p. m.

Roll Call:, Victor Furnari, Diane Peraino, Christine Matyas, Jean Russell, Jacqueline Scully, Sue Terpack, Amanda Wahl, Jason Krysiak, Bridget Brown, Scott Pietrzak

Absent: Chris Budnik, Victor Furnari

2. **Consideration of the minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting held, Wednesday, June 25, 2014.**

No corrections.

Motion: Russell Second: Wahl
Yeas: 7 Nays: 0

3. **Public Comments-items not on the agenda:** None

4. **Consideration for Gainsboro Park new equipment.**

Pietrzak presented the revision of the layout for the new play equipment so that it is located farther from the street. It also saves the swings and the tree.

Peraino moved to accept the revised layout. The motion was seconded by Matyas. All approved.

Discussion followed concerning colors.

ACTION ITEM: Pietrzak will send color options via email and the commission is to respond with their preferences.

5. **Consideration of the report of the project sub-committee:**

a. **Art Fair:** 14 have paid with half new artists.

b. **Community Enrichment:** No report

c. **Community Garden:** All going well. Harvest Party to be October 4th.

d. **Health, Wellness & Play:** The Sidewalk Chalk Drawing event was rainout out. Will try to reschedule at a later date.

Because of the issues with waste remove and disposal due to the flood it was suggested that the castle building event be postponed until spring. Following discussion all agreed

e. **Community Pool Outreach:** Bingo night and adult swim will be held August 28.

6. **Other Business:** Peraino suggested that the Recreation Commission send a letter of recognition and thanks to retiring Chief of Police.

Adjournment: Motion: Russell Second: Wahl



Parks Improvement Millage Fact Sheet

Overview

The City Commission has placed a request for a 0.75 mill property tax to be levied over 10 years to pay for improvements to the City's parks, including the park behind the Community Center and Gainsboro Park, on the November 2014 ballot. This would be a new special revenue millage that would be dedicated to paying for capital improvements to the City's parks, and could also provide matching funds for grant applications for recreation purposes. If approved, this new millage will generate approximately \$100,000 in revenue each year, over a period of 10 years.

Why Is the Millage Proposed?

In January of 2014 the Pleasant Ridge City Commission and Recreation Commission formally adopted the 2014-2019 Five Year Recreation Master Plan¹ which identified two major parks improvement projects: Improving the Community Center Park and Gainsboro Park. The two projects have an estimated total cost of \$1.2 to \$1.4 million, depending on options selected.

In May of 2014 the Pleasant Ridge Foundation awarded a grant in excess of \$130,000 to rehabilitate the Gainsboro Park shelter and to add a toddler-appropriate play structure and safety surface to the Park. The proposed millage would cover the remaining cost to improve the Community Center Park and Gainsboro Park per the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

What Will The Money Be Used For?

The millage request would implement the action plan in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

The Community Center Park would be improved to create outdoor gathering space connected to the multi-purpose room, to construct a designed path and entrance to the park to make it more accessible, and to improve the existing play area.

Improvements to Gainsboro Park would be extensive, and would focus on creating a park that includes features and amenities that cater to all ages and users. The park would include both passive and active recreation spaces, walking paths extending the length of the park from Kensington all the way to Flynn Field, outdoor gathering space, and new play equipment for children.

Gainsboro Park Highlights:

- *New, secure fence along railroad*
- *Continuous non-motorized pathway*
- *Shelter rehab & secure access system*
- *New play structures and safety surface*
- *DPW site improvements*
- *Irrigation*
- *Improved lighting*
- *Covered picnic shelter*
- *Outdoor gathering/seating space next to playground*

A variety of funding sources are available at the state and federal levels to support this type of project, but those funding sources typically require matching funds from the community. Approval of the parks improvement millage would provide the City with a source of dedicated matching funds for grants.

Finally, if approved the City would accelerate funding for the park in order to have the improvements substantially completed within two years – by the fall of 2016.

How Much Will This Cost Me?

The total increase to your tax bill will be 75 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value. It would cost the average household about \$82 a year, or about \$7.00 per month.

¹ The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is available for viewing on the City's website – go to <http://cityofpleasantridge.org> and click on the November 2014 Millage Information link.