



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 28, 2015, 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 26, 2015.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- items not on the agenda.
5. Consideration of the report on the 2015 Community Pool Season.
6. Consideration of the report of the project sub-committees:
 - a. Art Fair
 - b. Community Enrichment
 - c. Community Garden
 - d. Health, Wellness & Play
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment.

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RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 26, 2015

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p. m.

Roll Call: Chris Budnik, Kevin Kelly, Christine Matyas, Jean Russell, Jacqueline Scully, Sue Terpack, Amanda Wahl, Scott Pietrzak. Shawnie Stamper.
Guests: Jim Breuckman, Jay Forman, Leah from livingLab
Absent: Jason Krzysiak

2. **Consideration of the minutes of the Recreation Commission Meeting held, Wednesday, July 22, 2015**

Accepted with corrections

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

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

4. **Consideration of the report of the Gainsboro Park Design Phase I prioritization:**

Pietrzak reviewed the cost estimates of the design for Gainsboro Park by livingLAB. Both design estimates are over the budgeted amount for the park. Following a critical look at the breakdown of areas the commission decided to use the lower estimate and further bring it to a manageable amount by shifting some items to phase II (ie. adult fitness stations, the decorative lighting, the small scale play area at Victory park). The small pavilion adjacent to Devonshire will be moved at the request of neighbors. A new location will be determined in Phase II. Funding from outside sources will be looked into in hope of completing some of these items in Phase I. The city will look at applying for grants to help with costs.

ACTION ITEM: September - Revisions by livingLAB and workshop for further input Sept 16th, 6:30 at the Community Center.
October – revised plans back to City Commission

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

- a. **Art Fair:** Artist at 21 with the deadline of Sept 15.

- b. **Community Enrichment:** none

- c. **Community Garden:** A jungle at this point

- d. **Health, Wellness & Play:** Swim Party, August 29, 4-8 - rain date 30th

There will be a food truck, games, photo booth

Box Castle Build, September 12th. 11:00 to 1:00 at the community center playground,

6. **Other business:** Oct 13 is a “Fall Color Tour” which include lunch

Adjournment: Russell Wahl



2015 Community Pool Season Review

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the staff at the Community Center/Pool Complex this year for their efforts and commitment to excellence. The eleventh season at the pool was a challenging one due to the timid weather and high expectations for a great season.

Listed below are my comments about the 2015 season and overall “State of the Pool Address.”

Attendance and Pool Capacity

This summer attendance was right on average with our past 12 seasons. For the most part the weather was nice, warm and from mid-July to Labor Day it was dry.



Being an average year the pool still had many times when it was very busy. Staff was able to manage the crowds comfortably and safely. Wednesday nights were often the busiest, while Friday evenings were slow and weekends are always hectic. 2015 attendance numbers are attached for your review. (Note: attendance figures do not include swim team or daily swim lesson numbers.)

The zero depth area opened weekdays at 11:00 a.m., and was popular with parents and tots. This is a great service to offer the residents. It allows parents to come to the pool before the child’s nap time and enjoy the pool before the temperature is too high.

Weather

Weather dictated much of the schedule this year. The weather conditions this summer were on average with previous seasons, with an average summer

temperature of 80.71°, and 12 days of 90° or more, compared to an average of 79.43°, and 2 days of 90° or more last summer. Thunder and lightning caused the pool to close only a few times during the year. I recall approximately five occasions where the pool was closed for lack of attendance or low temperatures.

Moberly Park

The renovated Moberly Park was in its third full season in 2014. Pool users continue to flock to the area to play, sun bathe, picnic and relax.



The field turf was a great solution for an area that was plagued with dirt and mud. Even if real grass was installed, it would have been turned to mud and trampled in no time, especially in the high traffic areas.

This area has become a main stay for many pool users. It has allowed us to utilize the space around the pool, and provide a relaxing, unobtrusive space for residents to enjoy the pool.

Members

Membership reports state that 1,635 residents applied for membership (plus a few swim team, employees and Oakridge memberships). Most visitors were diligent about swiping their membership cards and checking in so that the City is able to collect accurate data.

Contamination/Pool Closure

There were zero (0) contamination problems this summer, this is the fifth consecutive summer with zero contaminations. I would wager that no other pool in the State or the Country has a streak like this. A major role in the reduced number of contamination incidents is the clearing of all kids in the pool during adult swim. This gives the kids a time to use the restroom and take a break.

Pool Maintenance

Daily pool maintenance can seem fairly simple, however it is time consuming and tedious. We had one Health Department violation's on this year's report, the violation was only two straps were visible on the backboard. The violation was corrected within ten minutes of the inspection, as new straps had already been ordered and yet to be installed.



Safety

Safety was & is the top priority at the pool, there were no serious incidents reported this summer. There are always minor scrapes and bruises and those are handled on a case by case basis. Overall, the area has been designed as a "safe" facility, with a very safety conscious staff.



Guest Passes

Having been at the Pool almost every day, I was able to observe the Pool deck during busy hours and received feedback from many, many residents during the season. There were no complaints about the number of guest passes this season (35 passes), and there were zero purchased punches recorded.

There is the option of purchasing the Pass Plus, which allows one guest each day. Multiple friends each and every day would only add chaos to the Pool, especially when an adult does not necessarily have to be present with the kids.

There were a few comments that non-swimmers and babies should not be counted as a full guest. The bottom line is that capacity numbers include every "body" and includes people on the deck. Capacity levels must be monitored and, therefore, we must count everybody that enters the pool enclosure.

Adult Swim—last 10 minutes of every hour

Adults look forward to the ten minutes of adult swim time every hour. The pool was cleared of all children during this time. There were some complaints saying children, especially infants, should be allowed in the zero depth. The staff feels that all kids need a break from the sun, water & outside influences that are at the

pool. As stated above, this policy helps keep contaminations to a minimum (zero) and makes the experience more enjoyable for the adults.

Conduct/Discipline

There was one disciplinary problem this year. It was handled by the staff in a professional and timely manner. Most visitors were cooperative and responsible. Having posted rules definitely benefits both staff and residents.

Swim Lessons

Swim Lessons are taught by the lifeguard staff. This year lessons had a number of guards that were new to teaching lessons. The Lessons Team pulled them together and made the year a positive experience for all involved. Lessons were very well attended with 125+ registrations. Ms. Abilyn Cardelli did an outstanding job with the planning and organization of the program. I think this year was one of the best for lessons in our 12 year history.

Parents and visitors had no problems with the pool deck clearing procedure that occurred each day at 12:45. It is somewhat inconvenient for visitors, but absolutely necessary. As patrons become accustomed to it, they are appreciative and understanding of the effort. This process definitely eliminates any abuse by non-resident swim lesson attendees.

Swim Team

I would like to offer a special thanks to Colleen Rose for her assistance, support and excellent swim team season. Ms. Rose's expertise was invaluable and together we were able to provide a fun-filled swim team season. The Swim Team does require significant attention from City Staff. Coordinating the schedules, swim meets and team needs require a large number of staff hours. As the season progressed and everyone adjusted to the transition of summer swim, the relationship between the Swim Team and the Administration became more relaxed and cooperative. As always, I will work with the coaches and volunteers to make next year's swim season as beneficial to all swimmers as possible.



Ridge Rescue Team

All staff was returning from the previous summer, except for 6 new guards. The level of enthusiasm and the eagerness of the staff was enjoyable. They are routinely reminded to remain focused on the pool versus chatting with friends, and in-service training is mandatory. All in all, the staff members were reliable and conscientious. Emphasis on safety, keeping the pool and locker rooms clean and customer service is always a priority.



Overall, I was very pleased with the staff and their enthusiasm during the summer. Residents seemed to be pleased with the familiarity of the lifeguards.

Summary

I am certainly pleased with the operation of the Pool for the 2015 season. It was a tremendous challenge that required a large amount of time and commitment, but it was great fun! There are many new ideas, plans and improvements planned for next year, and Shawnie and I are already planning for the 2016 swim season. In the meantime, the Community and Wellness Center has our attention and attendance and programs are growing by the day!



Respectfully submitted by:
Scott Pietrzak, Assistant City Manager
Shawnie Stamper, Recreation Assistant Director

2015 TEMPERATURE AND ATTENDANCE

Day	May	Attendance	June	Attendance	July	Attendance	August	Attendance	September	Attendance	
1			63	28	69	92	84	206	90	214	
2			72	56	73	122	92	354	91	226	
3			74	75	75	188	79	120	88	200	
4			81	73	80	216	80	139	84	233	
5			79	78	84	250	78	116	84	276	
6			73	140	86	186	76	120	90	446	
7			80	174	77	91	78	119	92	408	
8			79	62	67	65	77	159			
9			78	101	74	87	80	185			
10			90	322	81	196	77	99			
11			73	81	84	214	79	96			
12			77	102	80	197	75	87			
13			70	97	81	161	86	217			
14			78	119	79	113	87	233			
15			83	257	74	86	88	346			
16			81	187	78	136	89	363			
17			76	121	87	226	90	287			
18			81	160	91	304	84	169			
19			74	180	90	342	87	224			
20			75	136	86	279	78	140			
21			84	206	80	201	78	128			
22			84	207	77	174	81	186			
23	75	98	81	228	85	205	82	214			
24	78	178	81	206	88	207	75	108			
25	82	198	77	119	89	294	65	37			
26	84	67	76	116	88	304	67	20			
27	80	65	66	37	90	325	65	16			
28	80	107	75	141	91	366	75	91			
29	82	145	79	99	92	370	74	109			
30	79	67	76	88	86	234	84	176			
31	51	0			86	221	84	197			
		AVG ATTENDANCE: 171		AVG TEMP: 80.71							
		Max #: 446		Max Temp: 92							
		Median #: 165		Mean Temp: 80							
		Min #: 16		Min Temp: 51							

TEMP	# of Days
69 & Below	8
70-79	41
80-89	47
90 & up	12
TOTAL DAYS	108

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 18429

Current & Historical Pool Attendance

Membership types	2015	Percentage	2014	Percentage	2013	Percentage	2012	Percentage	2011	Percentage	2010	Percentage
Household Residents	14562	81.27%	12057	67.29%	14204	79.27%	18625	79.45%	15323	77.95%	17510	79.46%
Guest Punches (35)	3361	18.76%	2242	12.51%	3157	17.62%	4002	17.07%	3605	18.34%	3950	17.93%
Purchased Punches	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	10	0.04%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Pass Plus Card	162	0.90%	86	0.48%	183	1.02%	124	0.53%	116	0.59%	122	0.55%
Caregiver Card	11	0.06%	16	0.09%	14	0.08%	133	0.57%	132	0.67%	118	0.54%
Oakridge	211	1.18%	198	1.11%	235	1.31%	148	0.63%	129	0.66%	156	0.71%
Swim Team 1st Child	32	0.18%	39	0.22%	44	0.25%	144	0.61%	134	0.68%	55	0.25%
Swim Team 2nd Child	18	0.10%	13	0.07%	15	0.08%	154	0.66%	130	0.66%	36	0.16%
City Employees	72	0.40%	78	0.44%	66	0.37%	101	0.43%	88	0.45%	88	0.40%
		103%		82%		100%		100%		100%		100%
TOTALS	2015 Total 18429		2014 Total 14729		2013 Total 17918		2012 Total 23441		2011 Total 19657		2010 Total 22035	

TOTAL SINCE 2004	221539
Season Average	18461.58