



# City of Pleasant Ridge

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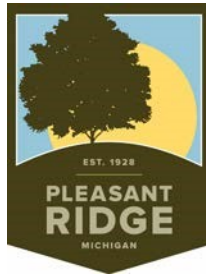
## JOINT WORKSHOP NOTICE

City Commission  
and  
Recreation Commission

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016**

**7:00 p.m.**

**PLEASANT RIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER  
4 Ridge Road  
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069  
PLEASANT RIDGE, MICHIGAN 48069**



## 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, September 28, 2016, 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:

### JOINT WORKSHOP WITH CITY COMMISSION - 7:00 p.m.

- Joint discussion with the City Commission on a preliminary concept plan for the park behind the Community Center. Presentation by Ralph Nunez of Design Team+.

### REGULAR RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING *(Immediately following Workshop)*

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration of the following minutes *(to be distributed at the meeting)*:
  - a. Regular Recreation Commission Meeting held Wednesday, July 13, 2016.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- items not on the agenda.
5. Consideration of a recommendation to the City Commission for the future of the Gainsboro Park play equipment.
6. Consideration of the update on the Gainsboro Park Renovation.
7. Consideration of the report of the project sub-committees:
  - a. Art Fair – *November 18-19*
  - b. Health, Wellness & Play – *Eat Smart, Live Strong, Flu Shot Clinic*
  - c. Community Pool – *over 20,000 user this summer*
8. Other Business
9. Adjournment.

**In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the City at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.**



## City of Pleasant Ridge

Scott Pietrzak, Assistant City Manager

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From: Scott Pietrzak, Assistant City Manager  
To: Members of the Recreation Commission  
Date: September 26, 2016  
Re: Old 5-12 year old Gainsboro play structure future

In May/June of this year Commissioner Krzysiak and a small group of residents removed the GameTime play structure from Gainsboro Park. It was a colossal task, and was completed in a little under 4 days. Since that time, the City Commission has had a couple discussions on the fate of the structure, along with a workshop that will take place with the Rec Commission on Wednesday night. The City Commission has asked the Recreation Commission what they would recommend for the future of the old play structure.

At this point in time, the City has a few options to consider with the old Gainsboro Structure. They include, but are not limited to:

- Donate the structure to another City or entity.
- Relocate the structure to a suitable area within Pleasant Ridge.
- Keep the structure in storage until we find a suitable use.

I will ask the Recreation Commission to recommend to the City Commission a use for the structure at the regular Recreation Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 28.

Below is a summary of the process to date for the structure and possible options for its future.

### Why was the old structure removed?

Through the Gainsboro Park design process it was decided that the old 5-12 year old play structure would be removed and replaced with a new, larger 5-12 year old playground. The primary reasons for arriving at this decision were:

1. The old play structure is 15 years old. Play structures generally have a 20-25 year life span. The old structure has life left in it, but it is closer to the end than the beginning.

2. The layout and design of the new park generated out of the 5-day charrette last summer required removal of the old structure to accommodate the walking path system. The layout could have been redesigned to preserve the old structure, but through discussions with the Recreation and City Commission in the fall and winter of 2015, it was decided to remove the old structure to preserve the layout of the park as designed, and also to create a harmonious design with all-new, coordinating play equipment.

The process for making Gainsboro Park design decisions was as follows:

1. 5-day charrette – July 2015
2. City Commission review – August 2015
3. Recreation Commission prioritization – August 2015 (recommendations on phasing and layout)
4. City Commission prioritization – September 2015
5. City Commission prioritization workshop #2 – December 2015
6. City Commission prioritization workshop #3 – December 2015 (playground decision)
7. 60% Construction Drawings City Commission Update – February 2016
8. Approval to Let for Bids – April 2016
9. Approval of Bid – May 2016

## Options for the Play Structure

As stated earlier the City has a few options for the structure.

- **Option 1: Donate the structure to another City or entity.**

On August 26, 2016 the City of Pleasant Ridge received correspondence (attached) from the City of Pontiac as official acceptance of the play structure as a donation. This item was accepted by the Pontiac City Council at a City Council meeting held August 25, 2016. The City of Pontiac has a park designated for the structure that currently has no play equipment on site. The City of Pleasant Ridge would be responsible to deliver the structure to Pontiac. From there all cost will belong to Pontiac as they will be responsible to install & maintain it.

**Cost implications: Shipping & Handling of the structure**  
**Approximately \$500-\$750.00**

- **Option 2: Relocate the structure to a suitable area within Pleasant Ridge.**

The City could choose to re-install the structure at a location of its choice, and continue to use the structure for a number of years. If the structure is to be re-installed the City would require that installation be in accordance with all safety codes and requirements for the equipment, surfacing, and safety zones, etc. Further, that there will be professional oversight of the re-installation of the play

equipment to ensure the City's liability position is protected. The City recently received a quote from GameTime to remove and relocate the structure.

**Cost implications:** Based on a quote that we secured from GameTime (the manufacturer and original installer of the Gainsboro structure in question), we estimate that costs for engineered wood fiber (EWF) and professional oversight of the installation would likely be in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

**Approximately \$10,000.00**

- **Option 3: Keep the structure in storage until we find a suitable use.**

The City can keep the structure in storage and wait for a suitable use to present itself. The structure is currently at the Pleasant Ridge DPW facility. The longer the structure sits in storage, it will become increasing more difficult to find a donor or to reinstall. The old structure has life left in it, but it is closer to the end than the beginning. The area that was incased in concrete is now exposed and no longer protected by the powder coat of paint (*pic 1*). The joints and connector are also starting to deteriorate and may need replacing/repainting.

**Cost implications: Immediately, \$0  
Future, "Unknown"**



I have prepared 3 different possible motions for you to consider. The first is to recommend the City Commission donate of the equipment to Pontiac. The second, re-install the structure to a suitable location in Pleasant Ridge and third keep the structure until a better option comes forward.

**MOTION #1:** I move that the Recreation Commission recommends that the City Commission donate the old 5-12 year old Gainsboro Play Structure to the City of Pontiac for installation in one of their City Parks.

**MOTION #2:** I move that the Recreation Commission recommends that the City Commission re-install the old 5-12 year old Gainsboro Play Structure to a suitable area within the City limits of Pleasant Ridge.

**MOTION #3:** I move that the Recreation Commission recommends that the City Commission keep the old 5-12 year old Gainsboro Play Structure in storage until a better option comes forward.

Thank you for your time, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



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August 26, 2016

Mr. James Breuckman  
City Manager  
City of Pleasant Ridge  
23925 Woodward Ave.  
Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069

RE: Donation of Park Playground Structure.

Dear Mr. Brueckman:

On behalf of the City of Pontiac, please consider this correspondence as the City's official acceptance of a donated playground structure from the City of Pleasant Ridge. This item was accepted by the Pontiac City Council at a City Council meeting held August 25, 2016.

It is my understanding that the City of Pleasant Ridge will store and upon request, deliver the play structure to a site designated by the City of Pontiac. In turn, the City of Pontiac will be responsible for the installation of the play structure. Please contact my office at (248) 758-3322 so that we may discuss and finalize arrangements to transport the donated equipment.

I believe that recreational activities are an essential building block that will help our youth to thrive both socially and physically.

Thank you to the City of Pleasant Ridge for your generous donation. The children of our City will benefit and enjoy this wonderful gift.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Bais-DiSessa".

Jane Bais-DiSessa  
Deputy Mayor

JBD

Cc: Dr. Deirdre Waterman, Mayor City of Pontiac  
City of Pontiac, City Council Members  
Ms. Shari Scott, Executive Vice President, Friends of the Pontiac Parks Association  
Mr. Terrence King, DPW Director, City of Pontiac  
Mr. Nevrus Nazarko, Finance Director, City of Pontiac  
Mr. Scott Pietrzak, Assistant City Manager/Recreation Director, City of Pleasant Ridge