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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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RIDGE ROAD

One of the historic trails leading out of Detroit and built on a sandy ridge to avoid swamplands on either side, Ridge Road was originally part of the Saginaw Trail. This route meandered north from Detroit to Pontiac, Flint, Saginaw and finally terminated at the Straits of Mackinac. Originally an Indian pathway connecting Indian villages on the Detroit River with those in Oakland County and other interior areas, the Saginaw Trail was widened by federal troops in 1819. In the years that followed, settlers by the thousands, traveling by covered wagon, ox cart and stage-coach, used the Ridge section of the trail to reach homesteads in Oakland and other inland counties. It has remained a vital highway ever since. The City of Pleasant Ridge incorporated as a village in 1919 derives its name in part from this road.



Swings at Victory Park / Flynn Field

Introduction

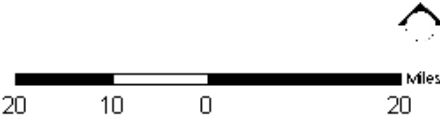
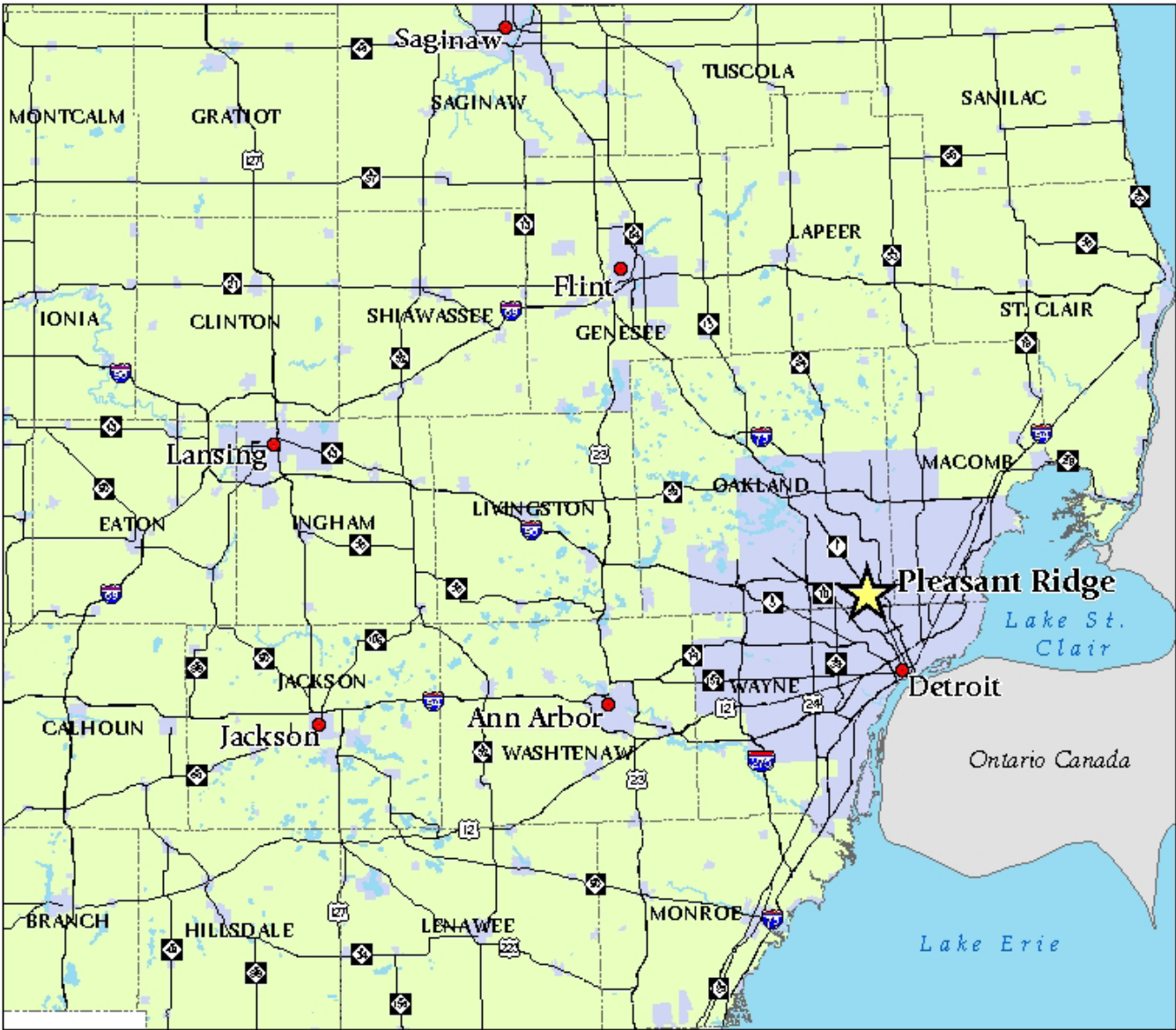
The Pleasant Ridge Recreation Master Plan is an outgrowth of this community's widespread interest in the preservation of open space, quality of the environment, and the provision for the creation and maintenance of healthful, active and passive recreational facilities and programs. It is a plan that will preserve, protect, develop, and, where possible, restore and enhance the physical resources of the community.

The creation of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan is a critical component in this continuous improvement process, providing a roadmap that will help guide community leaders toward the City's desired future. It provides the vehicle that the community may use to create the facilities, programs, and projects that offer a variety of ways to creatively utilize an increasing amount of leisure time.

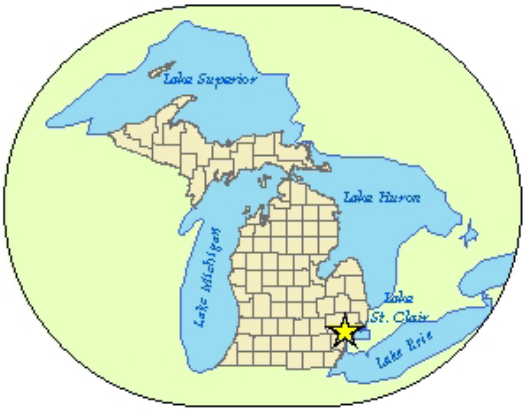
Included in this plan is an inventory of the existing recreation facilities within the boundaries of Pleasant

Ridge, a reporting of the public input on the desired future use of those facilities, goals and objectives for the City parks system as a response to public input and community needs, and a five-year action plan to achieve those goals.

The concepts that are inherent within this document have a dynamic potential. However, potential is nothing unless it is cultivated and used. This plan provides a sound foundation for growth and development.



PLEASANT RIDGE MASTER PLAN
Location Maps
Data Source: Southeast Michigan Council of Governments



Pleasant Ridge Community Center



Community Description

The jurisdiction of this recreation plan includes all parks and recreation facilities owned by the City of Pleasant Ridge.

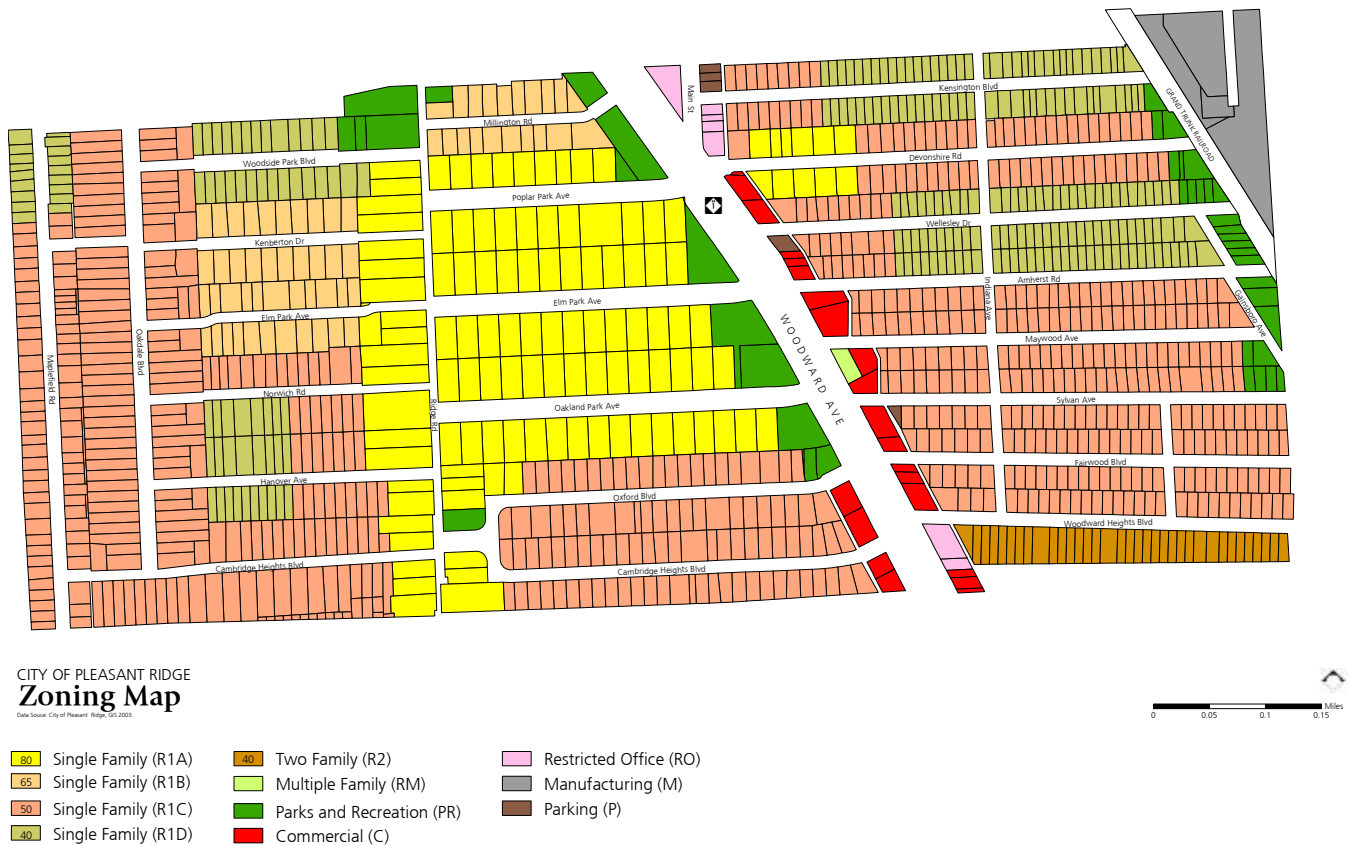
Pleasant Ridge is located in southeast Oakland County and is bounded by the cities of Ferndale, Royal Oak, Huntington Woods, and Oak Park. The City is 0.58 of one square mile and is one of the smallest incorporated cities in Michigan in terms of geographic area. Downtown Detroit is located approximately nine miles to the south. Pleasant Ridge is also adjacent to the Detroit Zoological Park and is located along the Woodward Avenue corridor.

History and Development Patterns

The history of Pleasant Ridge can be traced to its desirable location at the junction of two Indian trails, which later became roads to the north, to Pontiac, and to the thumb area. All the area within what is Pleasant Ridge was originally part of three land grants. The first of them was granted to David Standard in 1823. The second and third grants were obtained in 1824 by John Voorhies and in 1837 by Douglas Houghton, Harry G. and Thomas H. Hubbard.

Pleasant Ridge's first plat in 1906 signaled its official beginning. The community obtained village status in 1919 and the community was able to act as a separate governmental unit that was responsible for setting its own policies. In 1927, fearing annexation by Ferndale or Royal Oak, residents voted to incorporate Pleasant Ridge as a city. The City's Charter was adopted in 1928.

Land-use patterns in existence today are largely the result of the early development of Woodward Avenue as a major transportation route out of Detroit and the development of single-family residential homes west of the Woodward Avenue corridor along Ridge Road. Subsequent residential development occurred east of Woodward Avenue. The areas to the west (Maplefield) and the raw lands east of Woodward were developed following World War II.



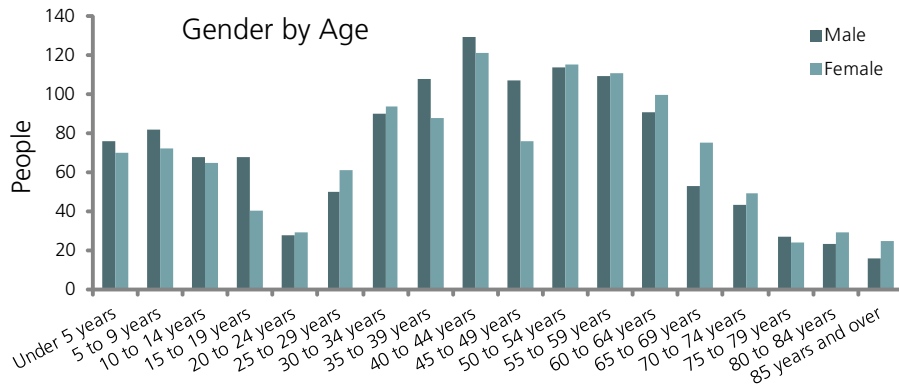
Today, Pleasant Ridge is largely developed. There are a few parcels remaining that are currently vacant. Single-family residential homes are the dominant use (80.2%). Commercial use is located primarily along the east side of Woodward Avenue, with several businesses located along the southwestern side of Woodward Avenue. Industrial uses are located on the eastern edge of the City limits. A greenbelt is located west of the Woodward Avenue corridor and provides a natural barrier to the traffic on Woodward.

Existing Land Use

The above graphic shows the City of Pleasant Ridge Zoning map from 2005. The map shows that the single largest land use within the City is residential.

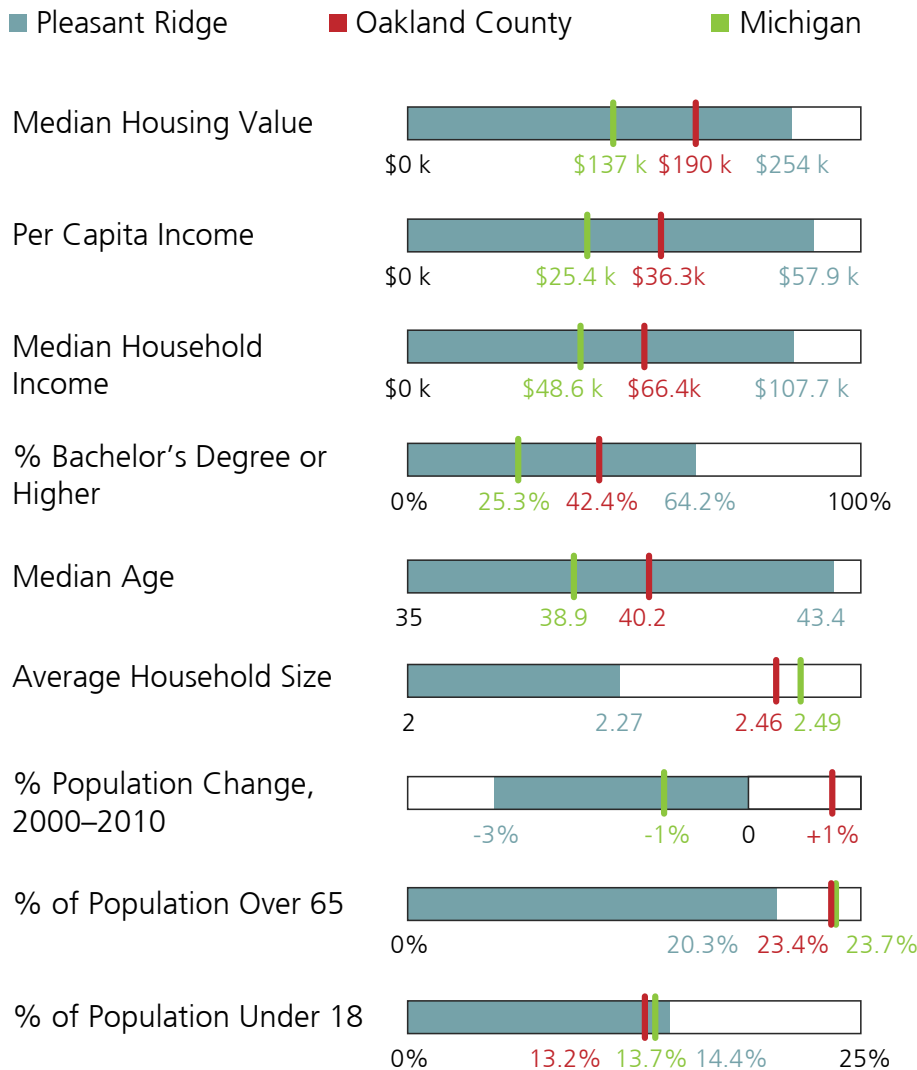
This occupies more than 80% of the total land area. The park areas and greenbelt make up just 6% of the total while roads and road rights of way occupy approximately 4%. Other uses, such as commercial, industrial, parks, etc., all occupy a smaller percentage of land.

Land zoned for Parks and Recreation is located primarily along the west side of Woodward Avenue and along the west side of the Grand Trunk Railroad. The Community Center / Pool Complex is located near the intersection of Millington Road and Ridge Road. An additional parcel of Parks and Recreation land is located at Oxford Boulevard and Ridge Road.



Selected Demographics

As of the 2010 Census, Pleasant Ridge had 2,526 citizens in 1,115 households. Twenty-six percent of households have one or more minors, while 23% have at least one senior citizen. The median age in Pleasant Ridge is 43.4. The largest cohort of residents is made up of baby boomers, who are between the ages of 49 and 68 in 2013 and make up about 30% of the population. The second-largest cohort is made up of children, representing 21.5% of the population.



A noticeable lack of young adults aged 20–24 (2.3% of population) may be related to the community's high educational achievement, as many of those in that age bracket may have relocated for college. Sixty-four percent of Pleasant Ridge residents have a bachelor's degree or higher, more than double the state rate of 25%. Nearly every resident (98.7%) has a high school diploma, which is a full ten percentage points above the state rate.

The median home value (\$254,000) is higher in Pleasant Ridge than in the comparison communities. The median household income in Pleasant Ridge is \$107,750, which is 1.6 times the median income in Oakland County and 2.2 times the median income in Michigan.

Pleasant Ridge lost 3% of its population between 2000 and 2010, compared to a 1% increase in Oakland County and a 1% loss in Michigan.

History of Recreation Activities in Pleasant Ridge

During the early years of settlement in Pleasant Ridge, beginning about 1910 and continuing past its incorporation as a village in 1919, recreational activity was largely a function of the Pleasant Ridge Club. This club held dances for the young and old, parties, and the annual Fourth of July parade and celebration at which there were races and games. The Ferndale school district, which includes Pleasant Ridge, provided recreation activities through its buildings and playgrounds. Ice skating rinks were set up at many locations in the early years; later the tennis courts were flooded for skating.

After incorporation as a city in 1928, Pleasant Ridge had two playgrounds and shared a summer recreation director with the City of Ferndale. It appears that Wallace G. Deacon was the first recreation director (supervisor) to be paid entirely from local funds when he was hired on June 28, 1927, to operate the Amherst playground. That same year the Women's Club began a campaign to get the City to provide a place for city organizations to meet.

As early as 1933, a proposal was made to build a recreation center on Maplefield Road. In 1938, a six-member citizens committee was appointed to study a community center location. After 252 citizens presented a petition on May 7, 1940, an architect drew plans that were presented to the City Commission on October 8, 1940. On December 17, 1940, the bond issue was defeated.

In 1941, tennis courts were built at Gainsboro Park and the city acquired property and a house at 4 Ridge Road that was to be converted to a Community Center. Remodeling was delayed because of World War II; however, a baseball diamond and playground were built on the property in 1944.

During the War, much of the recreational activity centered on a joint venture with Ferndale residents in a building called "The Castle on the Nine." This building located on Nine Mile Road was acquired during the Depression by Youth, Inc., for hobbies, classes, dances, and other social events.

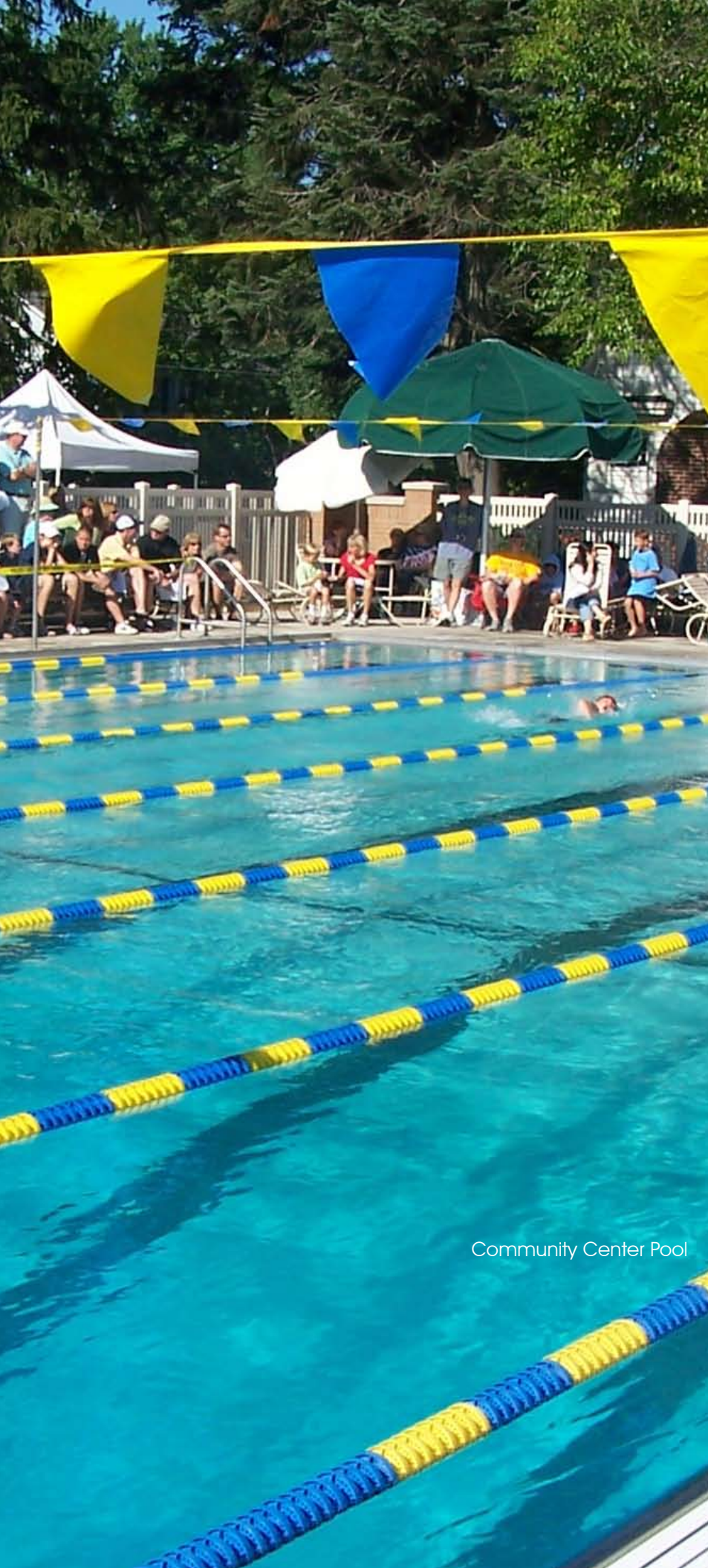
On October 9, 1945, the building at 4 Ridge Road was approved for use as a Community Center, and a Board of Trustees was appointed to administer it. The following March 7, Mary Ellen Bank was hired as combined Recreation Director and 4 Ridge Road Director. The next month a snack bar was authorized for the Teen Canteen, which alternated weeks with the adult activities there. In 1954, the Board of Trustees was changed to the Recreation Commission by ordinance #1778 and expanded in size to nine members. On August 14, 1956, a seven-member Recreation Advisory Committee was established to help the Recreation Commission.

On November 16, 1956, the City Commission authorized the purchase of 8 Ridge Road, completing the property now occupied by the Community Center, Pleasant Ridge Pool, and Moberly Park. On April 13, 1959, the City Commission requested the Recreation Commission to consult with youth and adult groups regarding present and future facility needs (sentiment for a swimming pool had been growing for several years).

The City Commission approved a 20-year lease of property by Pleasant Ridge Community Pool, Inc. on June 6, 1960, and the pool was opened in August. In October, construction of the new Community Center was approved; it was completed by the next year. On May 9, 1961, the City Commission approved the Rules and Regulations for operation of the Center, prepared by the Recreation Commission on May 2, 1961. The Recreation Commission presented a Parks and Recreation Development Plan to the City Commission in 1969 and again in 1971. The Pool lease was to expire in 1980, at which time the pool would become City property. In 1979 the City signed an agreement with Community Pool Inc. to continue operation.

In 1993 and 1994, the Recreation Director, with input and advice from the Recreation Commission, pursued a state-funded grant for \$76,000. Funds from MDNR and the City were used to build a new enclosed shelter building in Gainsboro Park with ADA-compliant restrooms, sidewalks, landscaping, tennis courts, basketball courts, and off-street parking.





Community Center Pool

In 1996, the City agreed to take out a bank loan to finance the renovation of the Community Center. An addition was added to the east side of the building to allow room for a larger office, lobby area, teen room, and toddler room. A new roof was added, along with new windows and doors throughout the building. The renovation also included new bathrooms, kitchen, storage areas, and landscaping.

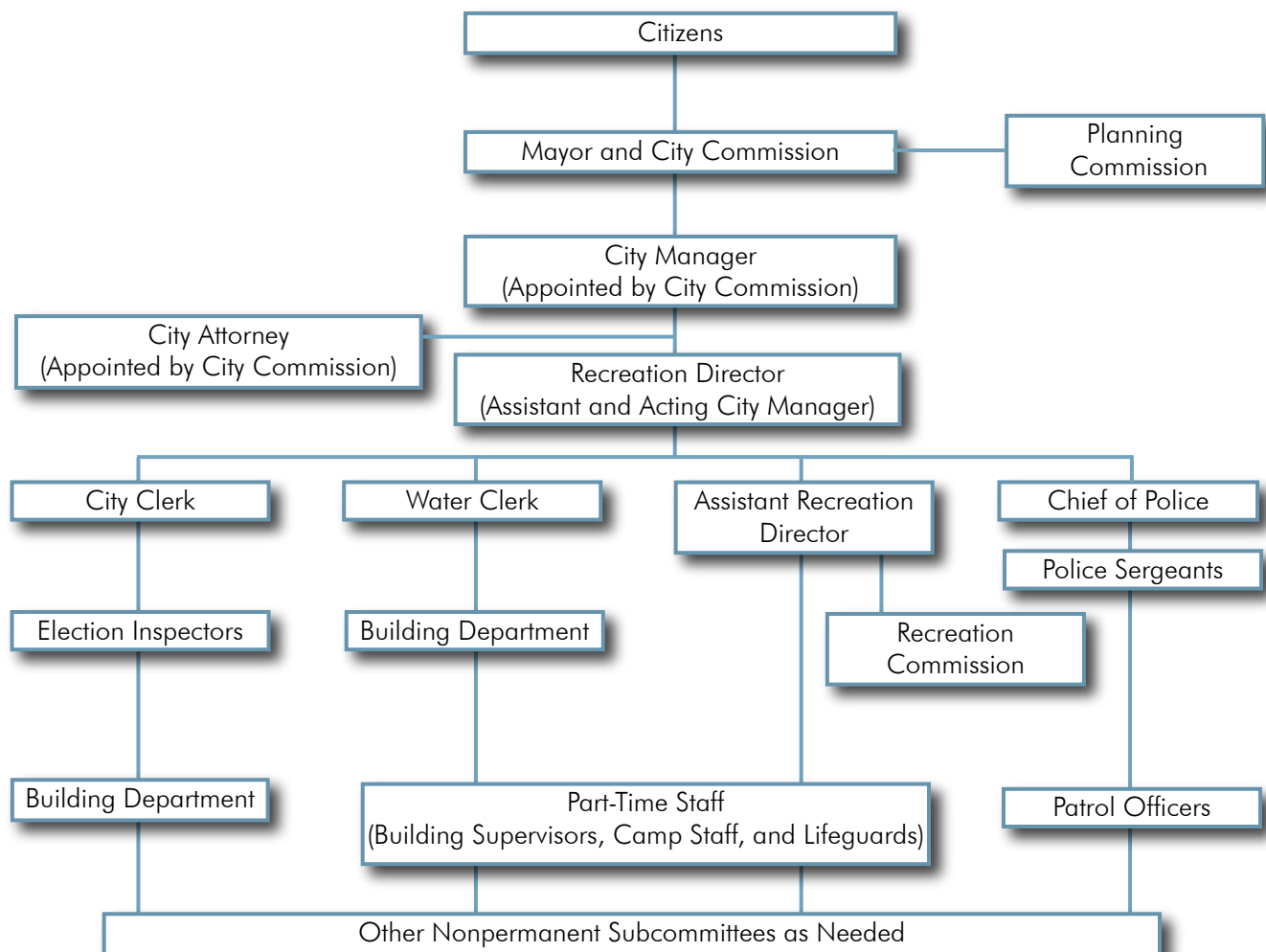
A survey of the residents was distributed in 1997. The results of the survey were used to determine the desires and needs of the residents. With the new Community Center completed, the current Recreation Commission focused on developing new programs and events to meet the needs of the community.

An additional loan was taken out in 1998 to finance the renovation of the Community Center Park located behind the Community Center. The renovation included new playground equipment, landscaping, irrigation, and picnic areas.

In 2002, the private Pool Club dissolved and the City became the owner and operator of the pool. The City started an effort with residents to gain support for a millage to construct and operate a Community Pool and Wellness Center. In April of 2003 the millage passed and construction began in August. On June 1, 2004, the 2.3-million-dollar complex opened with great reviews. The center included a new state-of-the-art zero-depth entry pool, with play features, a competitive outdoor pool, locker rooms, and new pump system. Also included was a full-service Wellness Center with 9 cardio machines and 15 strength-building stations.

In 2011, the Recreation Commission created a community garden in Gainsboro Park. Residents can rent plots for a fee and garden from dawn until dusk.

PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET				
	2012-2013		2013-2014	
REVENUES	Operating	Capital	Operating	Capital
Parks and Recreation	304,605		363,255	
Community Center and Pool	206,010		227,010	
Dog Run	6,500		6,505	
TOTAL	517,115		596,770	
EXPENSES	Operating	Capital	Operating	Capital
Parks and Recreation	304,605	5,500	363,255	36,500
Community Center and Pool	205,210	18,500	226,325	19,500
Dog Run	8,225		8,075	
TOTAL	518,040	24,000	597,625	56,000



Administrative Structure

Recreation Department Administration

The Recreation Commission, established by the City Charter, is composed of nine members appointed to three-year staggered terms by the City Commission. Its functions are to advise the Recreation Director in program development and to assist the Director in preparing budget requests and monitoring expenditures.

The Director is responsible for program development, budget preparation, operation of the Community Center Complex at 4 Ridge Road, the hiring of part-time personnel, and the quarterly newsletter which is mailed to all City residents. The Director arranges for skilled individuals to be leaders and instructors for the various classes, leagues, teams, and activities carried out within the recreational program.

Role of Volunteers

Volunteers play an important part within the Recreation Department, especially during special events

hosted by the City. The Recreation Commission volunteers help at all events when needed. Special teen groups within the City, called Volunteering in Pleasant Ridge (V.I.P.), help with many activities in the City and perform community service in the City. All coaches for the department are volunteers and contribute a great amount of effort and time to their programs and activities.

Programming of Facilities

The Recreation Director has the primary responsibility for developing recreation programming with the advice of the Recreation Commission. The Director maintains the master schedule of all programs and facilities.

Scheduling is required to reserve the Community Center for a variety of civic uses (e.g., elections and public meetings), club meetings, social events, rental functions, leisure events, crafts, and classes. Playing fields must be allocated for league and non-league games and events and scheduling is required for these activities.

Recreation Department Finances

The Recreation Department budget is financed principally from the general fund revenues of the City budget, which runs from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. The budget process for the Recreation Department begins with the previous year's budget as a base, which is adjusted by the City's financial consultant for known additions and subtractions, such as changes in fringe benefits for City employees. The City Commission holds a study session with the Recreation Director to review the proposed budget. As part of the City's total budget proposal, the budget is discussed at a public hearing and then presented to the City Commission for adoption.

The Recreation Department also derives income from fees collected from participants in some of the activities sponsored by the department, as well as from rental of the Community Center at 4 Ridge Road. Park operations and maintenance are included in the City's general fund. The department also receives funding from an operating millage for the Pool and Wellness Center.



Unveiling of the Community Garden Sign



CITY OF PLEASANT RIDGE

Parks and Recreation

Data Source: City of Pleasant Ridge, GIS 2003.

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|  Community Center / Moberly Park |  Greenbelt |  Recreation Property |
|  Victory Park / Flynn Field |  Hessel Park |  Stevenson Park |
|  Gainsboro Park |  Pleasant Ridge Dog Run | |

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Recreation Inventory

Inventory of Existing Recreation Facilities and Programs

Based on MRPA standards cited in the Michigan Recreation Plan, a community the size of Pleasant Ridge should have approximately 32 acres of recreational land. Currently, the City has fewer than 10 acres of recreation land, with future acquisition of private land unlikely. Therefore, emphasis has been placed upon maintaining existing facilities and providing recreational activities for local residents. The management, operation, and maintenance of all parks and recreation facilities in Pleasant Ridge are the responsibility of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Pleasant Ridge has two major recreational areas: the 4 Ridge Road Community Center / Pool Complex and Gainsboro Park. Pleasant Ridge lost approximately 2.38 acres of its 4 Ridge Road recreational complex when property was taken by the State of Michigan Department of Transportation for construction of I-696. Total acreage at that site was reduced to approximately 1.25 acres. The facilities lost included a playground, two tennis courts, a ball field, soccer field, an ice-skating rink, and approximately 10 paved parking spaces. Since the loss of those facilities the City has improved the facilities at Gainsboro Park to include two tennis courts, a basketball court, and a small shelter.

In April of 2013, a facility inventory was conducted to evaluate the overall quality and usage of the community's parks and facilities. Beckett & Raeder staff visited each City-owned park to examine the available amenities and their condition, as well as take photos. This detailed inventory of park amenities can be found in Appendix A.

As part of the recreation inventory, the basic level of accessibility of each park was examined. Each of the parks owned by Pleasant Ridge was evaluated for their current level of accessibility on a scale of 1 to 5 (1=none of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines, 2=some of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines, 3=most of the facilities meet accessibility guidelines, 4=the entire park meets accessibility guidelines, 5=the entire park was developed/renovated using principles of universal design). The evaluation was performed by Beckett & Raeder staff by visually evaluating the amenities and access routes available at each park. A more detailed evaluation of slopes and clear widths would be needed to fully determine compliance with ADA standards. The accessibility evaluation score can be found on the following pages.

Multi-purpose field at
Victory Park / Flynn Field

PLEASANT RIDGE PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES		
Park Name	Size (Acres)	Accessibility Score
Community Center and Pool / Moberly Park	2.30	Building and Pool: 5 Playground: 3
Greenbelt	2.40	4
Stevenson Park	1.42	4
Pleasant Ridge Dog Run	1.34	1
Gainsboro Park	1.85	2
Victory Park / Flynn Field	0.76	2
Hessel Park	0.44	4

Community Center / Moberly Park

A modern community center that provides the Pleasant Ridge community with amenities that include an outdoor swimming and water recreation area. Picnic space, playground activities, and volleyball are also available at the Community Center. The center also offers fitness programs for residents of all ages. Educational programs are offered as well as meeting space for community groups and public gatherings. The Community Center is located at 4 Ridge Road. Adjacent to the pool, Moberly Park provides a grassy open area to relax and picnic.



Greenbelt

This greenway along Woodward Avenue also serves as a park honoring veterans from the City of Pleasant Ridge and around the country. This passive park offers gardens and sitting areas for residents and provides a memorial area that can be used during memorial services. Reconstructed and enhanced in 2005 through the TEA-21 program, the park today has new lights, sidewalks, and landscaping installed.



Stevenson Park

This passive mini-park serves to enhance the Woodward Avenue corridor by providing a green buffer between the Avenue and the surrounding neighborhoods. This park offers opportunities for picnicking and passive recreation activities.



Pleasant Ridge Dog Run

The Dog Run is located off of Indiana Street along the I-696 service drive. It is an active area that provides exercise and recreation for canines within a confined and safe setting. The Dog Run also serves as a gathering place for residents and pet enthusiasts alike. This facility has been a popular addition to the City's recreation and park program.



Gainsboro Park

This facility offers a variety of sports activities such as soccer, basketball, and tennis. This park also includes a playscape and climbing equipment for children's recreation. Picnicking areas are available in the park along with a public restroom facility. Located on Gainsboro Avenue in an established residential area, this park facility is heavily utilized by City residents and is the only large outdoor active recreation park in the community.



Victory Park / Flynn Field

Located off Fairwood Boulevard, this park is in an established City neighborhood. The baseball field is the largest field in the City and is suitable for young adult use. The park also offers plenty of green space for other neighborhood-type activities such as playing catch, Frisbee, or other lawn games. Picnic tables and play equipment make this park a great destination for neighborhood barbecues or family picnics.



Hessel Park

This is a mini-park located on Ridge Road that offers passive recreation for the surrounding neighborhood with seating and picnicking areas. The large, well-maintained lawn and landscaping make this park inviting to passersby and neighborhood residents.





Basketball courts at Gainsboro Park

Prior Federal and State Grants

The City of Pleasant Ridge received a MDNR grant in the amount \$76,800 in FY 1992–1993 for renovations to Gainsboro Park, including funds for new tennis and basketball courts, an enclosed park building with barrier-free restrooms, and supplemental lighting and landscaping.

Today, the amenities provided through the MDNR grant are still used, although the tennis court is in need of resurfacing and there is a desire in the community to further improve Gainsboro Park. A community garden was established in Gainsboro Park in 2011.

Recreation Programs

The Pleasant Ridge Recreation Department offers a wide variety of recreation programs that span all major age groups and seasons of the year.

During the summer, park programs include T-ball, youth baseball, tot lot programs, swimming and tennis. There is also a summer camp-like program for children aged 6–14 to come to the community center and enjoy a

number of structured and unstructured activities including field trips, which are coordinated by counselors.

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The Pleasant Ridge Community Pool, which is open every day between Memorial Day and Labor Day, is available for all residents to use after acquiring a membership card. The pool includes a zero-depth entry, two lap lanes, diving boards, locker room facilities, concessions, and an adjacent grassy area for picnicking. The pool is used in many ways, from lap swim and swimming lessons to open swim and special events. The Pleasant Ridge Swim Team, the Piranhas, is part of the Northwest Suburban Swim League; practices are held at the Community Pool between competitive events.



In the spring and fall, some of the programs offered include youth soccer and baseball. Several classes are held year-round at the Community Center including aerobics, Pilates, karate, yoga, and art enrichment classes.

A variety of seasonal events include a Halloween hayride in the fall, an art fair, an appraisal fair, 50+ Club events, an ice cream social in the summer, Halloween and Christmas parties for children, an Easter pancake brunch and egg hunt, the Woodward Dream Cruise, a father/daughter dance, and Christmas tree lighting.



The City's recreation programs also provide meeting space and facilities for a number of organizations including:

- The Pleasant Ridge Club,
- The Pleasant Ridge Foundation,
- The Pleasant Ridge Garden Club,
- The Pleasant Ridge Women's Club,
- The Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission,
- The Pleasant Ridge 50 Plus Club, and
- Regional Relationships and Facilities.



In addition to its interaction with the City's planning and budgetary commissions, the Recreation Department manages other key relationships with groups such as the Ferndale School District and the municipalities of Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Berkley, and Hazel Park. Other agencies within the area that the Recreation Department has relationships with are Berkley Youth Soccer, Ferndale Youth Assistance, the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, and the Northwest Recreation and Park Association.

A number of recreational facilities and activities are located within a 30-mile radius of the City of Pleasant Ridge. The nearest regional recreation facility is Metro Beach MetroPark, located in Harrison Township adjacent to Mt. Clemens. Other regional recreation facilities include Kensington MetroPark (27 miles), Lake Erie MetroPark (28 miles), and Maybury State Park (18 miles). Other facilities located near Pleasant Ridge are Red Oaks Waterpark (Madison Heights), several golf courses, and numerous county park facilities.



Previous Planning

In addition to the inventory of park amenities and public opinion, it is necessary to examine the previous planning efforts in the City of Pleasant Ridge.

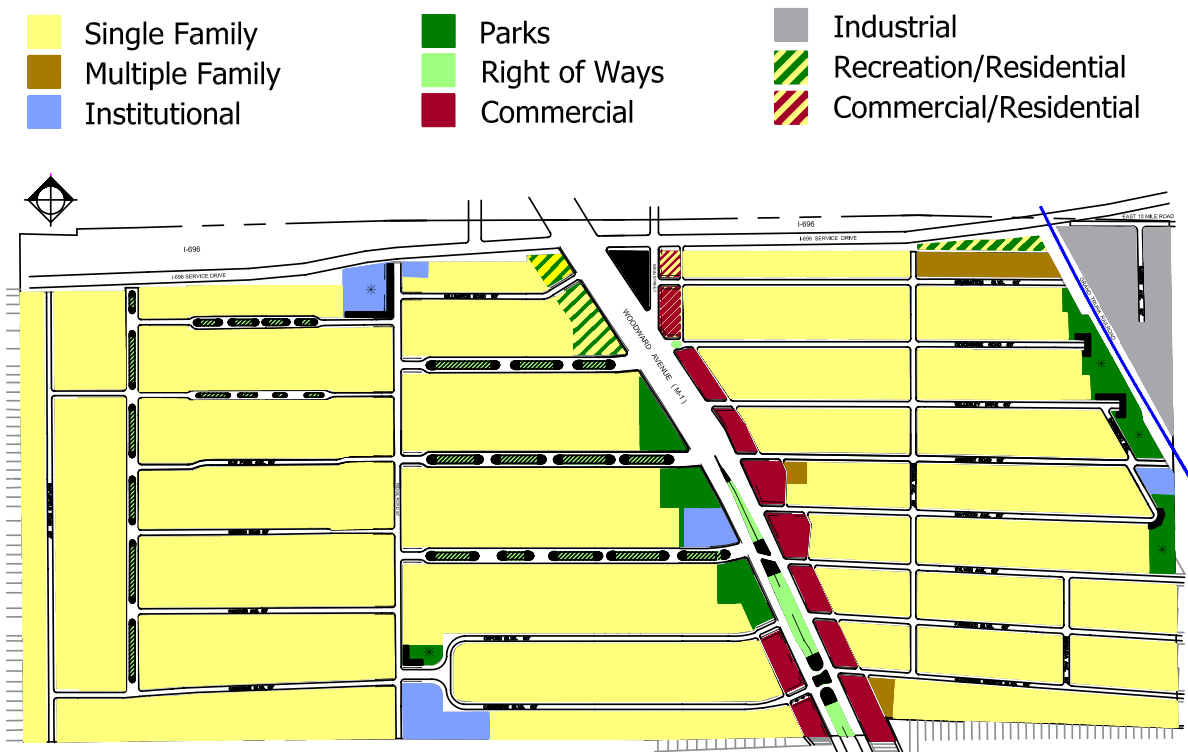
Previous Pleasant Ridge Master Plan

Pleasant Ridge is currently in the process of updating the City's Master Plan. The last Master Plan for Pleasant Ridge was created and approved in 1999. The goal of the plan was "to continue to create an atmosphere that will maintain this quaint, peaceful, almost village-like feeling in a highly developed and urbanized area and serve as a guide for planning and community development-related issues through 2004.

- Single-family residential will remain the predominant land use in the community.
- To provide for housing options such as townhouses, studios, lofts, etc., the filtration of residential land uses into existing commercial areas is recommended.
- The greenbelt between I-696 and Poplar Park Avenue is classified as "Recreation/Residential" to allow for small-scale residential development integrated into the park setting.
- The city-owned property adjacent to I-696 and east of Indiana Avenue is designated as Recreation/Residential. The scale and intensity of development would be small lots for 1,100–1,500-square-foot units to reflect development patterns along Kensington Blvd. This area is the site of the current Dog Run.
- Efforts to link the east and west side of Woodward Avenue should be relegated to design amenities such as standardized lighting and uniform street signage. Physical connections such as the pedestrian bridge have been explored and discarded as not being viable.
- In the Resident Survey, lighting was regarded as a feature that would enhance the character of the community and Woodward Avenue. Lighting should be used along Woodward Avenue as well as throughout the side streets as a means of visually integrating the business district and adjacent neighborhoods.

City of Pleasant Ridge

Proposed Land Use



Previous Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2006–2011)

The most recent Parks and Recreation Master Plan was completed for Pleasant Ridge for the years 2006 to 2011. In this plan, four goals were formed:

- To enhance the quality of life in the City by providing appropriate recreational facilities responsive to the needs of residents
- To provide high-quality recreational facilities that efficiently utilize available resources.
- To promote the coordination and cooperation of other public agencies, private enterprise, citizen groups, and other interested organizations in the improvement of recreational opportunities for City residents.
- To continually improve the opportunities for recreation in the City by reassessing community recreation needs, trends, and characteristics.

In order to work toward these goals, a five-year action plan was created for 2006–2011 that included improvements to Victory Park / Flynn Field and Gainsboro Park.

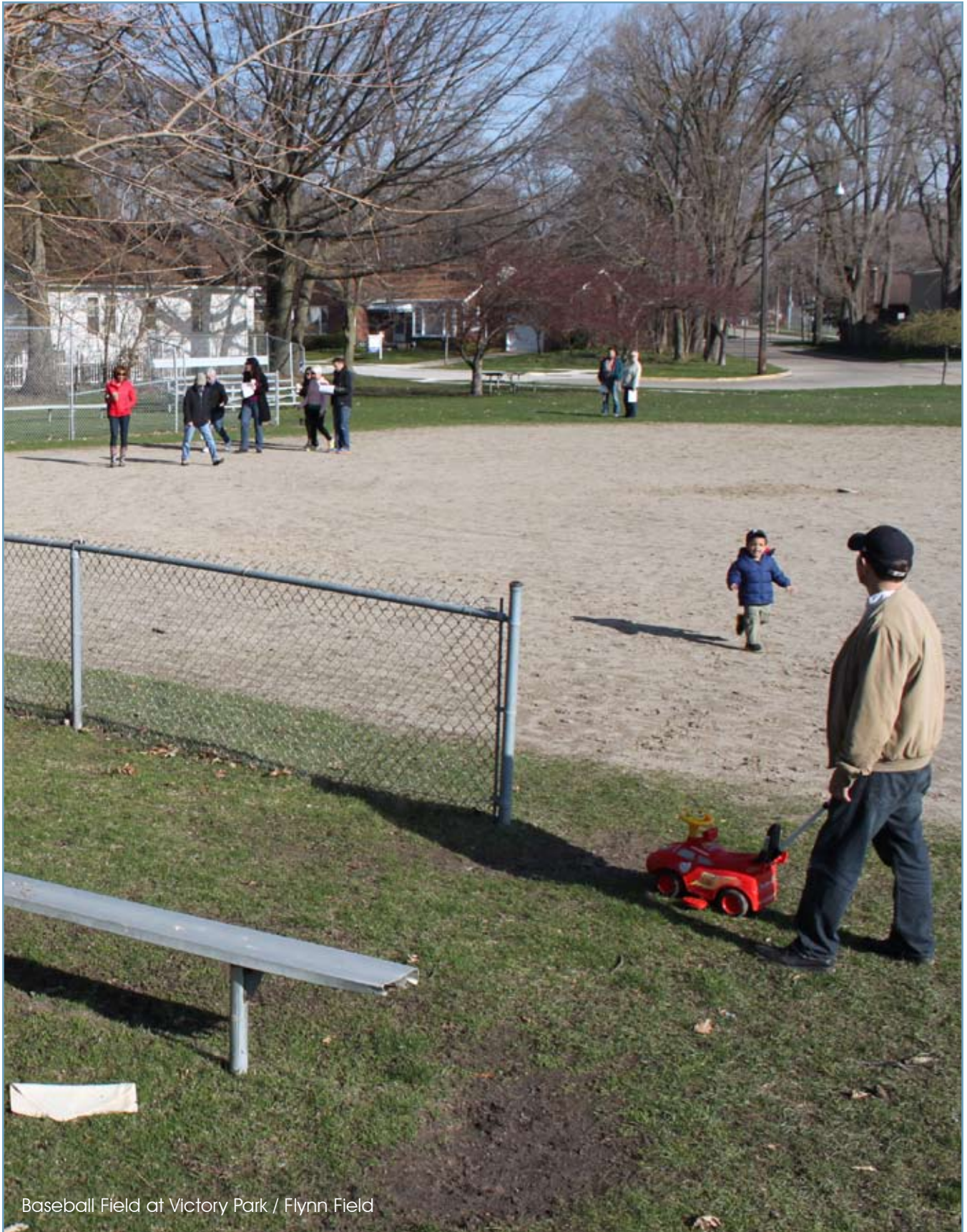
Victory Park / Flynn Field

- Remove existing grill units and replace with newer units.
- Replace current swing sets and install permanent trash receptacles at the park.

Gainsboro Park

- Add an outside pavilion to the existing community restroom building and add a kitchenette and climate control system to the building. This would allow the building to be used more for community and neighborhood functions.
- Remove and replace existing grills and install new picnic tables to the pavilion area.
- Install new surface and equipment on community tennis and basketball courts.
- Provide more paved paths through the park to make the park amenities more available to citizens with special needs and neighborhoods along Sylvan, Devonshire, and Kensington.
- Remove and replace trees on the eastern edge of the park near the rail line and install a fence to screen the adjacent use and provide a more appealing park-like atmosphere. Provide more seating within the park with benches. Another capital project would include construction of a parking lot accessed from Devonshire Avenue.

PREVIOUS FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Victory Park / Flynn Field					
Removal of Grills	\$750				
New Grills	\$3,000				
Removal of Swings	\$500				
Replacement of Swings			\$45,000		
Permanent Trash Receptacles			\$4,000		
Gainsboro Park					
Picnic Pavilion		\$45,500			
Picnic Tables		\$6,500			
Existing Building Improvements		\$33,500			
Removal of Grills		\$750			
New Grills		\$5,000			
Pedestrian Path System		\$35,000			
Removal of Nuisance Trees					\$25,000
Landscape Screening and Fence					\$75,000
New Benches		\$14,000			
Pathway Lights			\$45,000		
Tennis and Basketball Hardware				\$3,000	
Court Surface Repairs				\$30,000	
Total:	\$4,250	\$140,250	\$94,000	\$33,000	\$75,000



Baseball Field at Victory Park / Flynn Field



Residents Gathered for the Recreation Inventory at the Gainsboro Park Shelter

Planning Process

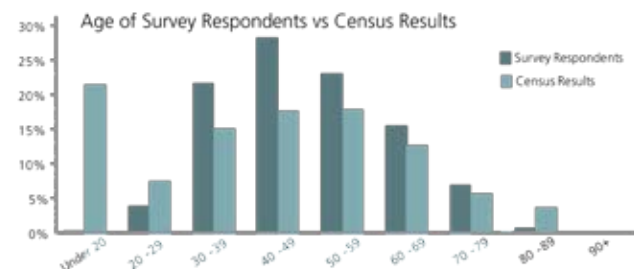
Public Input

In April of 2013, the residents of Pleasant Ridge were surveyed regarding their use of parks and recreation facilities and attitudes toward those facilities. This is a vital part of the planning process, as the results of these surveys are used by the Recreation Commission to establish goals and priorities in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The survey was available online through SurveyMonkey, and a copy of the survey can be found in Appendix B. In addition to the 18 multiple-choice questions, survey respondents had the opportunity to answer some questions in narrative form and leave comments that, though more difficult to quantify, offer valuable insight into the opinions of the residents of Pleasant Ridge.

Survey Demographics

Of the 2,526 residents in Pleasant Ridge, 339 responded to the survey. Seventy-two percent of survey respondents were between the ages of 30 and 59, which fairly closely matches the age distribution of residents in Pleasant Ridge. Geographically, the respondents were fairly evenly spread throughout Pleasant Ridge, though the majority (33%) lived in the

area bounded by I-696, Amherst Road, the Grand Trunk Railroad, and Woodward Avenue (the northeast quadrant of Pleasant Ridge). By occupation, most respondents worked in the Professional, Scientific, and Management sector (33%). Fourteen percent of respondents were retired. The bulk of survey respondents (43%) had lived in Pleasant Ridge for over 15 years; they have a significant investment in this community. The next-largest segment of respondents had lived in Pleasant Ridge for less than five years (23%). Fifty-one percent of respondents reported that they expected to live in the City of Pleasant Ridge for more than 15 years, and another 43% planned to stay between 6 and 15 years. This means that the answers to the survey can be counted on to develop priorities for the five-year action plan.



Recreation Trends

QUESTION 1: About how long have you lived in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- 43% had lived in Pleasant Ridge for over 15 years. The next-largest segment of respondents had lived in Pleasant Ridge for less than five years (23%).

QUESTION 2: Have you participated in parks and recreation programs provided by the City of Pleasant Ridge in the last 5 years?

- 77% of survey respondents reported participation in parks and recreation programs provided by the City of Pleasant Ridge in the last five years.

QUESTION 3: Please indicate which type of leisure activities that you regularly participate in.

- Responses from Question 3 were weighted to determine a rank order. The most frequent response was running/hiking/walking followed by outdoor activities. The most infrequent response was sports teams followed by movies. Watching TV was the activity that the most respondents reported they did weekly. The most frequent responses in the “other” category were yard work/gardening, tennis, and concerts.

QUESTION 4: Please identify which outdoor parks and/or recreation facilities that you or a member of your household use in Pleasant Ridge? And, how often.

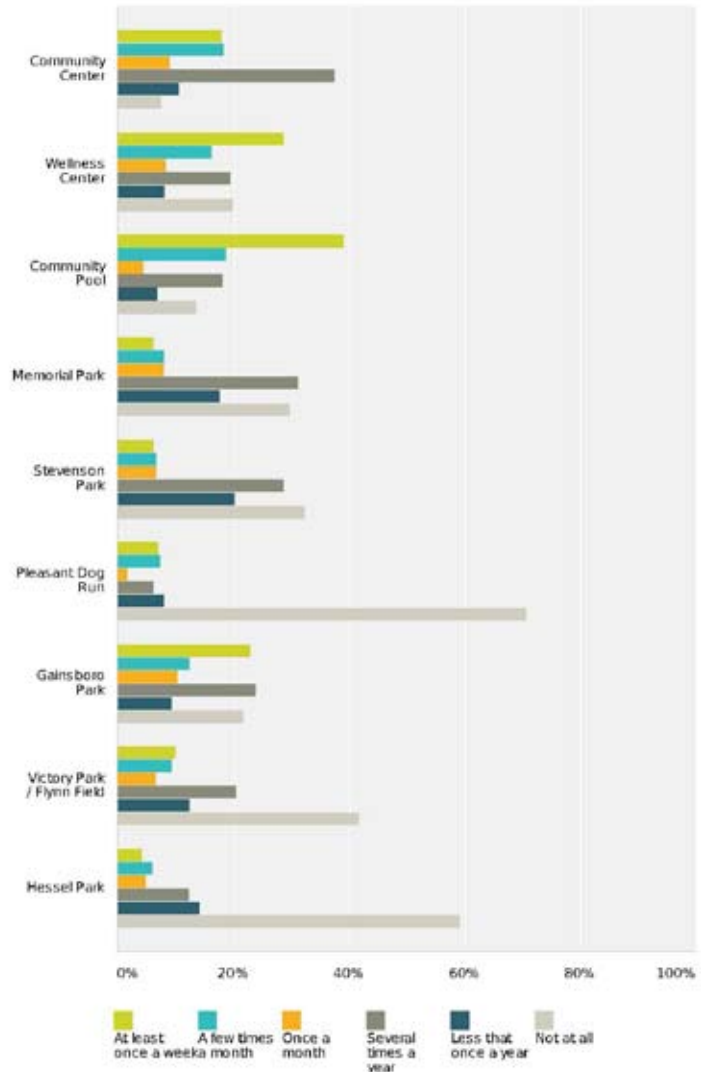
- The most frequently used facility was the Community Pool, followed by the Wellness Center, Community Center, and Gainsboro Park. The most infrequently used facilities were the Pleasant Ridge Dog Run and Hessel Park.

QUESTION 5: Which Pleasant Ridge park and/or recreation facility do you visit most often? (Identify One)

- The most visited facility was the Wellness Center (26%) followed by the Community Pool (23%) followed by Gainsboro Park (23%). The least-visited park was Hessel park (0%). This question was very similar to the previous question, and the results were similar.

QUESTION 6: As a resident of Pleasant Ridge how would you rate the following? (Rate a series of qualities of Pleasant Ridge in terms of Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Don't Know. The qualities included the amount of park land, recreation programming, open spaces/

Question 4



natural spaces, art and cultural events, the variety of park facilities, and connections to and between parks.)

- Using a weighted score of Excellent=3, Good=2, Fair=1, Poor=-1 and Don't know=0, the mean rating of all of the items was between fair and good.
- Excluding the answers of “don't know,” respondents were most satisfied with the amount of park land and rated it at an average of 2.0 (Good). Recreation programming scored an average of 1.8, followed closely by open spaces/natural areas (1.65) and art and cultural events (1.63). Connections to and between parks scored the least favorably at 1.1.
- Items most often cited as needing repair were the tennis courts, basketball courts, Gainsboro Park amenities, and the parks on the east side. Item requests ranged from more art and cultural activities, better advertisement for programs, and improved park amenities. Requested circulation

items were sidewalks through all parks, connectivity of parks, and trails.

QUESTION 7: How would you rate City of Pleasant Ridge INDOOR recreation activities, programs, and services for age groups? (Pre-school age, Elementary School age, Middle School Age, High School Age, Adults (Under 60), Adults (over 60))

- The majority of respondents favorably rated indoor activities and programs for adults over the age of 60 more frequently than programs for other age groups, followed by elementary school age and preschool age. Respondents least favorably rated indoor activities and programs for high school age students.

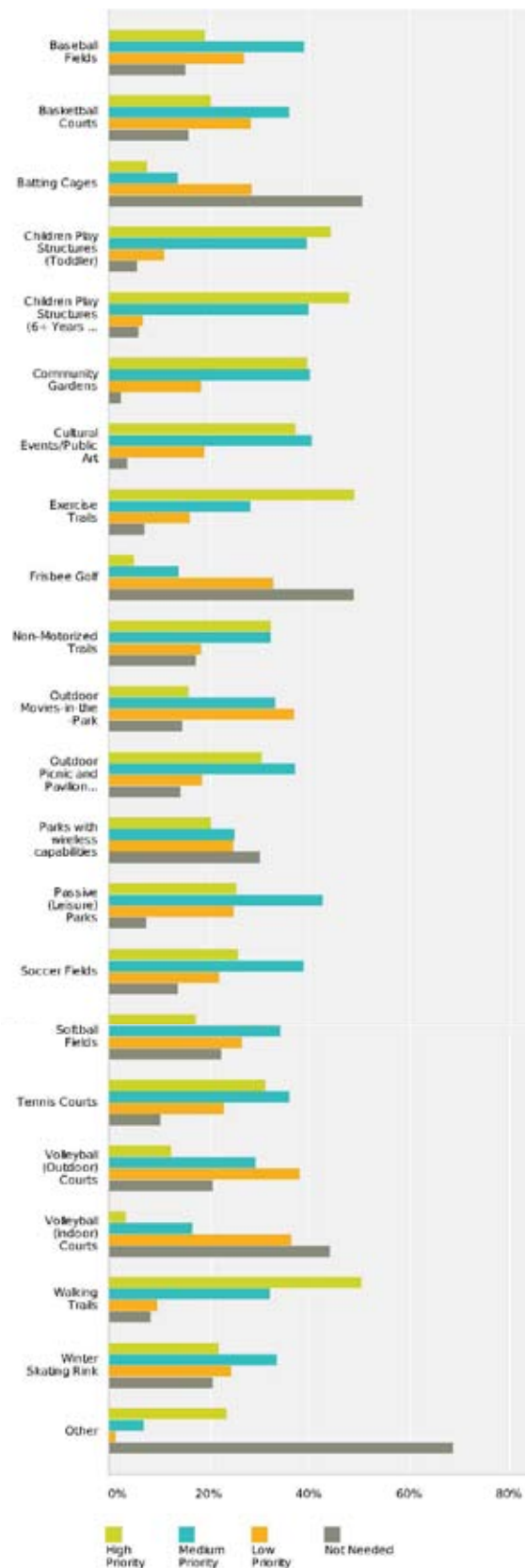
QUESTION 8: How would you rate City of Pleasant Ridge OUTDOOR parks and recreation facilities for various age groups?

- In terms of outdoor facilities, the age group that received the highest rating was elementary school age, followed by preschool age.
- Facilities for high school age residents were rated the least favorably. It is notable that in this question and Question 7, more respondents marked “don’t know” when asked to rate programs or facilities for high school age residents than for any other age group.

QUESTION 9: Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Pleasant Ridge should plan for and develop.

- Out of the 22 facilities and activities listed, the top six that respondents felt Pleasant Ridge should plan for and develop were children’s play structures for ages six and up, children’s play structures for toddlers, walking trails, community gardens, exercise trails, and cultural events/public art.
- Common “other” responses were amenity suggestions such as restroom facilities, indoor recreation options such as a gym, ice rink, or pool; outdoor picnic and pavilion, and comments about pet facilities such as improvements to the dog park and pet refuse stations in other parks. Overall, the most common comment was that Pleasant Ridge should maintain existing facilities.

Question 9



QUESTION 10: Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements:
(The questions are ordered from most agreed with to most disagreed with.)

Parks and recreation facilities are important to our community and worthy of taxpayer support.

- The majority of respondents (77%) strongly agreed. This was the question that respondents agreed with more than any other.

Pleasant Ridge should actively plan for and sponsor arts and cultural activities.

- Most respondents (45%) somewhat agreed with this statement. 36% strongly agreed.

Pleasant Ridge should invest in any additional parks and recreation facilities and services

- 45% somewhat agreed; 38% strongly agreed.

It is currently difficult to walk and bike to adjacent communities.

- This question received an evenly split response; 23% strongly agreed, 24% somewhat agreed, 23% somewhat disagreed, 26% strongly disagreed.

To the extent possible, parks and recreation facilities and services should be supported by those who use them rather than by general taxpayer dollars.

- Overall, respondents disagreed with this statement. 48% strongly disagreed; 29% somewhat disagreed.

To the extent possible, the community pool should be supported by those who use it rather than by general taxpayer dollars.

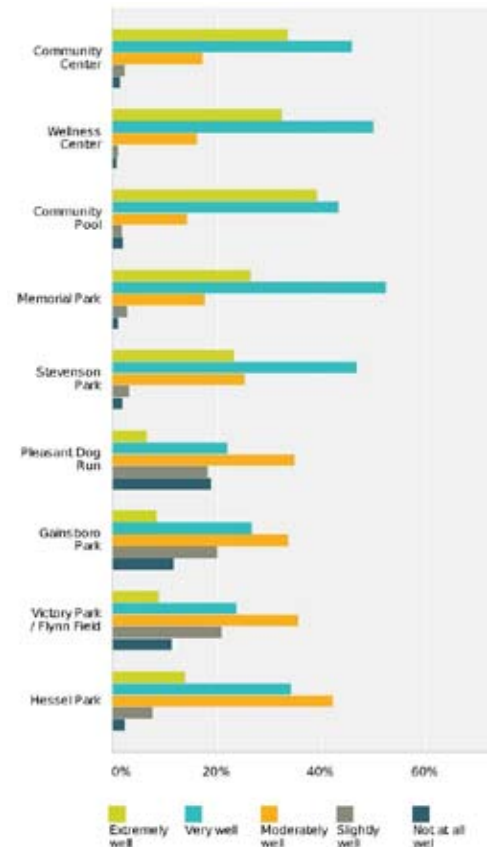
- Respondents also disagreed with this statement. 54% strongly disagreed; 22% somewhat disagreed.

QUESTION 11: How easy is it for people who are disabled to get around in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- 38% of respondents believed that it was either extremely easy or very easy for persons with disabilities to get around in Pleasant Ridge; however, 34% of respondents thought it was moderately easy, and 28% thought it was slightly easy or not easy at all.

QUESTION 12: If you answered the above question as “Moderately Easy,” “Slightly Easy,” or “Not at all Easy” please tell us why.

- The most frequent concern was the difficulty of crossing Woodward. Respondents noted that persons with and without a disability would have difficulty crossing Woodward because of the volume of traffic, low number of pedestrian signals, and the short amount of time the pedestrian signal is lit. Woodward presents a major barrier in Pleasant Ridge that divides the city into eastern and western halves. The second-most-noted concern was the poor condition of sidewalks, whether they were cracked or heaving, which poses an obstacle to wheelchairs and strollers as well as a general tripping hazard. Respondents also noted that the sidewalks were often dangerous in the winter due to snow and ice accumulation.
- Other concerns included a lack of paved paths in or between parks or lack of continuity in the paths that existed, as well as doors that aren’t automatic, vegetation obstructing the sidewalks, and a lack of accessible paths to restrooms within parks. Fifty-two comments said that they did not know if the city was accessible or not, which may have inflated the survey responses.



QUESTION 13: How well are the parks and facilities in the City of Pleasant Ridge Maintained?

- Respondents felt that the Community Pool, Wellness Center, and Community Center were the most well maintained facilities in Pleasant Ridge. The majority of respondents felt they were maintained very well. A majority of respondents also thought Memorial Park and Stevenson Park were very well-maintained. Respondents felt that Hessel Park, Gainsboro Park, Victory Park / Flynn Field, and the Dog Run were moderately well maintained, though the Dog Run received the least favorable rating, with 19% of respondents saying that it was not well maintained at all.

QUESTION 14: What changes would most improve parks and recreation services and/or programs in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- Though this question was inquiring about changes to services and programs, most respondents commented on amenities or park improvements such as maintenance or upgrades to existing facilities, additional sidewalks and trails, or additional sports and playground equipment.
- Some of the responses that focused on services and programs were additional staff, better communication of events and activity sign-ups on a website, expanded hours of services and the public swim hours, maintenance of the community center, and more activities for people without children. Comments were numerous and wide-ranging, but most focused on maintenance, communication, and updating of existing facilities.

QUESTION 15: What types of recreation activities would you participate in if they were available in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- Though answers were numerous and wide-ranging, some of the common recreation activities listed were tennis tournaments or leagues, 5k or 10k walking/running events, bicycling events, basketball leagues, and other sports activities. Other suggestions included card clubs and activities for those over 50, gardening and cooking classes, and passive recreation such as trail walking.

QUESTION 16: What types of events would you attend if they were held in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- Respondents included outdoor movies, music/concerts, arts festivals, cookouts and food-related

events, Oktoberfest or biergartens, children's events, speakers and seminars, Woodward Dream Cruise activities, and sports tournaments.

QUESTION 17: If you do not participate in activities in the City of Pleasant Ridge, why not?

- The most common reason cited was that there were not enough activities for the respondent's demographic, usually those who were not a senior but had no children, followed by scheduling conflicts or being too busy, followed by no interest in activities.

QUESTION 18: How strong is the sense of community in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- The sense of community in the City of Pleasant Ridge is strong. 37% of respondents felt that it was extremely strong, and 41% feel it was very strong.

QUESTION 19: How important a role do you feel the Pleasant Ridge parks and recreation facilities contribute to our sense of community?

- The majority of respondents felt that parks and recreation facilities were extremely important to the sense of community (46%), and another 41% felt that they were very important.

QUESTION 24: Please feel free to comment in the text box below regarding any suggestions you may have that were not addressed in this Resident Survey.

- As in the rest of the survey, many comments referenced a desire for maintenance of existing amenities and small updates, as well as safety issues to be taken care of such as the fence by the railroad tracks. There seemed to be a misconception and rumors about the proposed pavilion at Gainsboro Park—that it would be a loud amphitheater for concerts, when this is not the case. Many were opposed to something loud and disruptive. Commenters wanted the city to be united and for all parks to be kept to the same standard regardless of east or west side location. Residents want high-quality, well-maintained green space with as little additional pavement as possible.

Trends, Issues, and Opportunities

Examining trends and issues in the broader context of society can help Pleasant Ridge make educated decisions about the future of the parks and recreation facilities.

Engaging The Next Generation

Although Millennials (age 21–36) are not the largest population segment in Pleasant Ridge, they will have a greater impact on the economy as time goes on. They are quite different than the generations that came before: Generation X and the Baby Boomers. Park attendance has been declining since the rise of the GenXers, who visited parks as children but are less likely to do so in adulthood. Millennials are even less likely to visit parks as they tend to prefer socialization and indoor activities. Key characteristics used to describe Millennials are special, team-oriented, sheltered, confident and tech-savvy, pressured, achieving, and conventional. Knowledge of the characteristics and values of Millennials can be used to engage them in park settings.

The New Economy

- Talented and well-educated people choose where they want to live and then find work there instead of following jobs (66% of 25- to 34-year-olds say this).
- Desirable places to live are high-quality, clean, green, and close to open space for recreation.
- Talent becomes concentrated in these high-quality areas, which attracts businesses.

Demographic/Urban Pattern Trends

- The aging of society—by 2030, Baby Boomers will be senior citizens (one third of the population). As the number of retirees increases, so will the demand for mid-day recreation opportunities.
- There is an increased demand for less active outdoor recreation pursuits and facilities (golf, walking, gardening, etc.).
- The proportion of middle-aged Americans sharply increased in the 1990s.
- There is increasing cultural diversity.
- There is a greater number of smaller households.
- The mobility of residents has shifted toward residence by choice with diminished emotional/social attachment to service providers.
- In the 1950s, 50% of households had children. Today, 75% of households have no children. By 2030, 86% of all households will have no children.
- Traditional single-breadwinner families make up less than 15% of all households

CHARACTERISTICS OF MILLENNIALS AND HOW TO ENGAGE THEM IN PARKS		
Characteristic	Traits	Ways to Engage Millennials
Special	Used to receiving awards, strong relationships with supportive parents	Give rewards for participating in projects or completing tasks or challenges
Team Oriented	Value teamwork, belonging, collaboration, and service	Offer opportunities for volunteer service and encourage social and sporting groups to hold events at parks
Sheltered	Led structured lives as children, enjoy spending time outdoors and socializing with friends and family	Encourage use of electronic tools such as GPS and the Internet, feature safety and structure in park literature
Confident and Tech Savvy	Optimistic, upbeat, believe that they can improve the world	Share information freely, allow information sharing, survey visitors online, provide audio tours and promotional videos
Pressured	Feel pressured to achieve and behave, avoid personal risk, not as interested in history or reading	Relate historical events to current events, include objects, visuals, and sounds for interpretation, minimize need for reading
Achieving	Expected to do great things, make the country a better place	Use electronic tools to communicate and encourage community involvement, offer challenges and quizzes
Conventional	Respectful of authority, civic-minded, respectful of cultural differences because they are diverse	Promote benefits of parks to healthy work/life balance, design facilities for diverse users and volunteers



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Community Center Pool Zero-Depth Entry Area

Goals and Objectives

The assessment of recreation needs and priorities combined with existing recreational opportunities contributes to the formulation of community goals and objectives for the provision of recreation. Goals and objectives represent the purposes of a community's role in providing recreation to its residents as well as outlines the direction that the community's efforts should take in the long term. Goals are the general targets for which a community aims, while objectives are the specific steps that can be taken toward that goal. A recreation plan identifies those actions that can be undertaken to implement the objectives and fulfill the community's goals. The goals for the City of Pleasant Ridge in meeting the recreational needs of residents with their objectives are outlined below:

Goal 1

To fully utilize existing recreational facilities by maintaining a high degree of quality.

Objectives

- Utilize available space in the Department of Public Works property for recreational purposes
- Improve the safety and durability of park restrooms
- Improve the safety and durability of fences adjacent to railroad corridors
- Upgrade fall surfaces around play structures to a durable, accessible material
- Improve tennis and basketball court surfaces to increase safety and durability
- Increase visual aesthetic appeal of park properties through the use of landscaping, art, maintenance, and thoughtful design

Support

- Pleasant Ridge has little available land to expand park area; therefore, existing parks (just 4% of land in Pleasant Ridge) must be maintained to a high degree to maximize their benefit to the community
- 77% of survey respondents strongly agreed with the statement "Parks and recreation facilities are important to our community and are worthy of taxpayer support"
- Survey respondents felt that Hessel Park, Gainsboro Park, Victory Park / Flynn Field and the Dog Run are only moderately well maintained (Survey Question 13)



Play structure at Gainsboro Park

Goal 2

To provide safe, age-appropriate recreational facilities for children of all ages and abilities.

Objectives

- Increase the amount of equipment provided for toddlers
- Improve the safety and accessibility of play surfaces under and around play equipment
- Provide children's equipment that is sun-safe and ergonomic
- Create play spaces using principles of Universal Design and Inclusive Play

Support

- 26% of households have one or more minors
- 14.4% of the population of Pleasant Ridge is under 18
- The top two most requested recreation facilities are children's play structures for ages six and up and children's play structures for toddlers (Survey Question 9)



Walking through Stevenson Park

Goal 3

To provide accessible recreation opportunities for community members of all abilities that are above and beyond the guidelines in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Objectives

- Design future improvements to parks with principles of Universal Design
- Improve the safety and durability of restrooms in park facilities
- Provide accessible pathways within and between parks
- Improve the accessibility of play structures and surfaces in all parks
- Improve access to parks by increasing the safety of the Woodward and Sylvan intersection
- Support objectives of Complete Streets within the community

Support

- Gainsboro Park is the third-most-used recreation facility in Pleasant Ridge, yet its Accessibility Score was rated at 2 (Survey Question 4 and inventory)
- 30% of the population of Pleasant Ridge is between the ages of 49 and 68 and would benefit from smooth, minimally sloping paths within and between parks
- Walking trails and exercise trails were among the top five recreation amenities that survey respondents felt that Pleasant Ridge should plan for and develop (Survey Question 9)



Youth gather for an activity behind the Community Center

Goal 4

To provide opportunities for gathering and social interaction throughout the seasons.

Objectives

- Increase available shaded seating adjacent to play areas
- Improve seating adjacent to sports fields
- Consider modifications to the west wall of the Community Center Meeting Room to include larger doors that would open to the park and an outdoor patio

Support

- 46% of survey respondents felt that parks and recreation facilities were extremely important to the sense of community in Pleasant Ridge, and 41% felt that they were very important (Survey Question 19)
- 80% of land within Pleasant Ridge is residential, so public gathering space is limited. Parks can provide a place to gather as a community

FIVE-YEAR ACTION PLAN			2014– 2015	2015– 2016	2016– 2017	2017– 2018	2018– 2019
Project and Description	Goal	Cost	f i s c a l y e a r				
Gainsboro Park / Flynn Field							
a. Fence Upgrade	1	212,000					
b. Sidewalk Improvements	3	87,000					
c. Upgrade existing restroom facilities	3	50,000					
d. Playground Improvements	2, 3, 4	303,000					
e. DPW Lot Improvements	1, 3	200,000					
f. Install Irrigation in Gainsboro Park	1	50,000					
g. Tennis Court Sealing/Resurfacing	1	35,000					
h. Basketball Court Sealing/Resurfacing	1	35,000					
Probable Project Budget		972,000					
Community Center Park							
i. Create a plan to Re-design park for outdoor gatherings and accessible play	1, 2, 3 & 4	7,500					
j. Modifications to Community Center conference room and patio addition	1, 2, 3 & 4	150,000					
k. Construct a defined path and entrance to the park	3	25,000					
Probable Project Budget		182,000					
Woodward Avenue / Sylvan Intersection							
l. Collaborate with the DDA to make the intersection more usable and safe for community residents.	3		No monetary contribution				
Maintenance of Existing Facilities							
m. Annual maintenance upgrade to parks, especially Hessel Park, Gainsboro Park, Victory Park/Flynn Field	1	35,000 Annual Budget					

Action Plan

The goals of the action plan work to add to the overall safety and usefulness of the available park space within the City of Pleasant Ridge. The Five Year Action Plan is designed to address the deficiencies that have been identified in the facilities evaluation and address community priorities. The action program describes certain projects that Pleasant Ridge should plan for and develop to meet the goals and objectives outlined during the planning process. The Recreation Commission, using information from the facility inventory and resident survey, prioritized projects that will help the City of Pleasant Ridge work toward the outlined goals.

Both Victory Park / Flynn Field and Gainsboro Park are located within the established neighborhoods and together provide the largest amount of open space within the City. The vast majority of the City's outdoor recreation occurs primarily at these two park facilities. These parks together offer tennis, soccer, basketball, baseball and play structures for the City of Pleasant Ridge. It is vital to the City to maintain and develop these two facilities to the highest standards possible to meet the recreation needs of the local population.

The top priority for the next five years is Gainsboro Park Phase 1, a project that will include a variety of site improvements primarily focused on the replacement of the fence along the railroad, installation of walking paths, and new recreation facilities for children. This plan is described in greater detail on the following pages.

Another park area that has been identified for additional work is the Community Center Park behind the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The Community Center, Wellness Center, and Pool are the most utilized facilities in the City. The small park behind the Community Center is suitable to accommodate outdoor parties, receptions, and social gatherings.

Many of the items in the above plan work to enhance the current parks within the community. It is important for the City to continually update and continue a strong maintenance schedule for all facilities due to large amounts of utilization by the public.

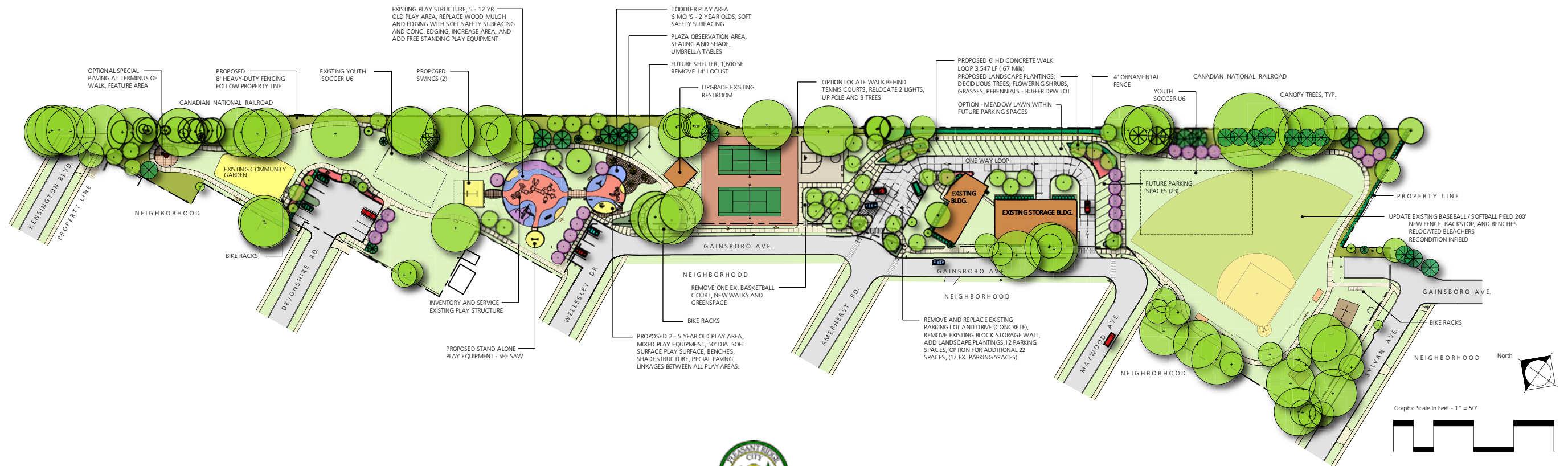
Financing Recreation Improvements

A variety of funding sources are available at the local, state, and federal levels. While funding sources are continually changing and becoming available, these programs could assist in the implementation of the plan's recommendations.

The City of Pleasant Ridge has utilized general fund money to maintain and operate its park system. Any future improvements will remain dependent on these tax-supported funds, as will the continued operation and maintenance of the park system. Recreation planning will have to be coordinated with the yearly budgeting process for the City's general fund. Another potential source of City funding is through the Segregated Capital Assets Fund, which was established to administer the award from the State of Michigan related to the taking of City parks and taxable properties along the former 10 Mile Road, which was used for I-696.

The City of Pleasant Ridge is fortunate to have a community-sponsored and administered Foundation that provides financing for quality-of-life projects within the community. Currently, the Pleasant Ridge Foundation has sponsored the development of the Woodward Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project to improve the passive park system along Woodward Avenue and median lanes. It has also offered support for the improvement of the playground equipment behind the Ridge Road Community Center.

Lastly, the public parks located along Woodward Avenue are within the City's Downtown Development Authority district. The DDA has contributed funds toward the renovation of these facilities and will likely do so in the future.



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An example of a playground with rubberized safety surface

Gainsboro Park Master Plan

In order to address the recreation needs of the community, a master plan for Gainsboro Park and the adjacent Flynn Field has been developed. This plan is a long-term vision for Gainsboro Park that can be implemented in stages; preparing the master plan is the first step toward achieving this vision.

Gainsboro Park and Flynn Field currently include a variety of recreation facilities. These include a play structure, tennis courts, a community garden, basketball courts, and a field used for soccer. Between the two properties is a lot currently utilized by the Department of Public Works.

The first step in improving this area is to increase the safety of users. In the master plan, a new, more durable fence will be constructed in front of the old fence (Action Plan item A).

A walking path is proposed that would encompass the entire area, including Gainsboro Park, Flynn Field, and the DPW lot (Action Plan item B). This walk would create an accessible route to all areas of the park and create a safe place to stroll.

The existing restroom facilities are in need of upgrades, and this is addressed in the Master Plan; however, the exact details of the upgrades would be determined in a later design phase (Action Plan item C).

The current playground at Gainsboro Park would be improved with additional modern play equipment, a separate toddler play area, and a play area for two- to 5-year-olds. The entire play area would have a new rubberized fall surface for added safety. This surface would be more durable and accessible than the current fall surface. (Action Plan item D).

To increase the connection between Flynn Field and Gainsboro Park, several improvements are proposed to the DPW lot. In addition to the sidewalk connecting the parks, parking spaces would be added and additional green space and landscaping would help to improve the visual appeal of the space (Action Plan item E).

An irrigation system would be included in the park plan to help the trees and landscaping flourish and keep the park in good condition (Action Plan item F).

The existing tennis courts would remain; additionally, they would be sealed and resurfaced to improve the quality of the courts and increase their longevity (Action Plan item G).

Though one basketball court would be removed and replaced with green space, the remaining basketball court would also be sealed and resurfaced (Action Plan item H).

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Appendix A

Detailed Parks Inventory

COMMUNITY CENTER AND POOL

Size: 2.3 Acres

Location: 4 Ridge Road

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: Building and Pool - 5. Playground - 3

ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Volleyball	1	Fair	Sand. Not used intensely
Play Structure	1	Fair	Dated, faded plastic, rusty dome
Swings	1 set, 6 swings	Good/Fair	Older structure
Outdoor Pool	1	Good	Spray components
Gymnasium	1		Weight room
Sandbox	1	Fair	Not maintained
LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Picnic Tables	3	Fair	1 near pool, 2 near play structure
Grills	4	Fair	City considering removal
Restrooms			Inside Community Center
Park Lighting			At parking lot
Signage		Good	
Parking Lot			Adequate
Irrigation System			

Comments:

Complicated entry to park from street (need to prevent park users from entering/using building and pool)

Green space past park—some trees dead, maybe artificial grass. Less fencing may be desirable

No ADA swing in playground

Some components on newest play structure are accessible

No accessible route to playground from neighborhood or building

GAINSBORO PARK

Size: 1.85 Acres

Location: Gainsboro Avenue

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: 2

ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Baseball Field (no lights)	1	Fair	Small T-Ball/Little League
Basketball	2 half-court	Fair	
Tennis Court	2 Lit	Fair	Cracked pavement
Walking/Biking Trail			Deficient common walks
Play Structure	1	Good	Structure installed in 2002
Swings	2 sets (6 swings)		
Other Play Equipment – Turtle			Concrete turtle
LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Picnic Tables	2+		
Restrooms		Fair	Roof is poor, building is full (needs storage)
Parking Lot			Small lots and street parking
Community Garden	1	Good/Fair	
Benches	4	Fair	
Drinking Fountain	1	Fair	
Fence		Poor	

Comments

DPW occupying center of park, which bisects it

Unkempt fence

Light trespass from industrial facilities

Lack of common walks/connectivity

Current shelter seems underutilized

No accessible paths from parking lot

HESSEL PARK

Size: 0.44 Acres

Location: Ridge Road and Cambridge Boulevard

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: 4

LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes/Suggested Action
Walking/Biking Path	1	Good	

Comments

This park is an “ornamental” entry pocket park.

Adjacent site includes play facilities—Ferndale Elementary School

VICTORY PARK / FLYNN FIELD

Size: 0.76 Acres

Location: Fairwood Boulevard

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: 2

ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Softball Field	1	Good	Bleachers need replacement
Multi-Purpose Sports Field	1	Fair	Has soccer nets, field has drainage issues
Swings	2 sets of 5		
LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Benches	2		
Fence		Poor	

Comments

Unkempt fence

No connection to Gainsboro Park

No accessible parking or paths

STEVENSON PARK

Size: 1.42 Acres

Location: Woodward Avenue

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: 4

LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes/Suggested Action
Park Lighting	2 street lights	Good	
Sculpture	1	Good	
Benches	4	Good	

Comments:

Do some concerts for stage, etc.

Not many obstacles

Irrigated

Lack of pedestrian lighting

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GREENBELT

Size: 2.4 Acres

Location: Woodward Avenue

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: 4

ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Walking/Biking Trail	1	Good	Pedestrian lighting is desired
LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Benches	8		6 metal, 2 stone

Comments

Passive parks, no events during Dream Cruise anymore

Landscaped

Memorial Day ceremony at flagpoles

Passive parks can have dogs on leash

Needs pet refuse dispensers

PLEASANT RIDGE DOG RUN

Size: 1.34 Acres

Location: East of I-696 Right-of-Way, accessible from Indiana Street

Service Area: All of Pleasant Ridge

Ownership Entity: City of Pleasant Ridge

Accessibility Score: 1

ATHLETIC / SPECIAL ACTIVITY FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Dog Run Area	1	Poor	
LANDSCAPE / MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES			
Type	Quantity	Condition	Notes / Suggested Action
Picnic Tables	2		
Benches	4		
Drinking Fountain	1		

Comments

No accessible parking or paths

Turf no longer established

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Appendix B

Copy of the Community Survey

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Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

Thank you for taking time out of your schedule to answer this survey. The City of Pleasant Ridge is in the process of updating the 5 Year Parks and Recreation Plan and the information from the survey will be used by the Recreation Commission to prepare the plan and establish priorities.

When you fill out the survey please answer the questions which best represent your overall household use of parks and facilities and priorities.

The survey is confidential. We do not ask for names or addresses. Again, thank you.

Note: if you filling out a paper copy of the survey those questions marked with a " * " next to the question number require an answer.

*1. About how long have you lived in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

- ☐ Less than 5 Years
- ☐ 6 to 10 Years
- ☐ 11 to 15 Years
- ☐ More Than 15 Years

*2. Have you participated in parks and recreation programs provided by the City of Pleasant Ridge in the past five years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

*3. Please indicate which type of leisure activities that you regularly participate in:

	At least once a week	A few times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Less that once a year	Not at all
Sports Team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gym; Work Out Facility	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Watch TV	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Movies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Running, Hiking, Walking or Biking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please Specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

***4. Please identify which outdoor parks and/or indoor recreation facilities that you or a member of your household use in Pleasant Ridge? And, how often.**

	At least once a week	A few times a month	Once a month	Several times a year	Less that once a year	Not at all
Community Center Complex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wellness Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Memorial Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stevenson Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pleasant Dog Run	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gainsboro Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Victory Park / Flynn Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hessel Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

***5. Which Pleasant Ridge park and/or recreation facility do you visit most often?(Identify One)**

- ☐ Community Center Complex
- ☐ Wellness Center
- ☐ Community Pool
- ☐ Memorial Park
- ☐ Stevenson Park
- ☐ Pleasant Dog Run
- ☐ Gainsboro Park
- ☐ Victory Park / Flynn Field
- ☐ Hessel Park

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

*6. As a resident of Pleasant Ridge how would you rate the following?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Amount of Park Land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Variety of Park Facilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recreation Programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open Spaces / Natural Areas	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Connections to & between Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Art and Cultural Events	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

*7. How would you rate City of Pleasant Ridge INDOOR recreation activities, programs and services for age groups:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Pre-School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elementary School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Middle School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults (Less than 60 Years of Age)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults (More than 60 Years Old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

*8. How would you rate City of Pleasant Ridge OUTDOOR parks and recreation facilities for ages:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Pre-School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elementary School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Middle School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
High School Age	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults (Less than 60 Years of Age)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults (More than 60 Years Old)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

***9. Please indicate which of the following recreation facilities and activities Pleasant Ridge should plan for and develop.**

	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	Not Needed
Baseball Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Basketball Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Batting Cages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children Play Structures (Toddler)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children Play Structures (6+ Years of Age)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Gardens	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural Events/Public Art	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exercise Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frisbee Golf	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Non-Motorized Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Movies-in-the-Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Outdoor Picnic and Pavilion Shelter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks with wireless capabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Passive (Leisure) Parks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soccer Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Softball Fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball (Outdoor) Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Volleyball (indoor) Courts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Walking Trails	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Winter Skating Rink	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify and rate the priority above)

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

***10. Please indicate your level of agreement with each of the following statements.**

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
Parks and recreation facilities and services are important to our community and worthy of taxpayer support.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pleasant Ridge should invest in any additional parks and recreation facilities and services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To the extent possible, parks and recreation facilities and services should be supported by those who use them rather than by general taxpayer dollars.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To the extent possible, the Community Pool should be supported by those who use it rather than by general taxpayer dollars.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It is currently difficult to walk and bike to adjacent communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pleasant Ridge should actively plan for and sponsor arts and cultural activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

***11. How easy is it for people who are disabled to get around in the City of Pleasant Ridge?**

- ☐ Extremely easy
☐ Very easy
☐ Moderately easy
☐ Slightly easy
☐ Not at all easy

12. If you answered the above question as "Moderately Easy," "Slightly Easy," or "Not at all Easy" please tell us why.

***13. How well are the parks and facilities in the City of Pleasant Ridge maintained?**

	Extremely well	Very well	Moderately well	Slightly well	Not at all well
Community Center Complex	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wellness Center	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Pool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Pleasant Dog Run	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Victory Park / Flynn Field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hessel Park	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

14. What changes would most improve parks and recreation services and/or programs in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

***15. What types of recreation activities would you participate in if they were available in the City of Pleasant Ridge? (Requires an answer - Your input is needed)**

16. What types of events would you attend if they were held in the City of Pleasant Ridge?

17. If you do not participate in activities in the City of Pleasant Ridge, why not?

***18. How strong is the sense of community in the City of Pleasant Ridge?**

- ☐ Extremely strong
- ☐ Very strong
- ☐ Moderately strong
- ☐ Slightly strong
- ☐ Not at all strong

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

***19. How important a role do you feel the Pleasant Ridge parks and recreation facilities contribute to our sense of community?**

- ☐ Extremely important
- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Moderately important
- ☐ Slightly important
- ☐ Not at all important

***20. How much longer do you expect to live in the City of Pleasant Ridge?**

- ☐ Less than 5 Years
- ☐ 6 to 10 Years
- ☐ 11 to 15 Years
- ☐ More Than 15 Years

***21. Which of the following categories best describes your occupation?**

- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Construction
- ☐ Wholesale Trade
- ☐ Retail Trade
- ☐ Transportation and Warehousing
- ☐ Information / Technology
- ☐ Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
- ☐ Professional, Scientific, Management
- ☐ Educational, Health, and Social Services
- ☐ Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- ☐ Government
- ☐ Currently in School (Student)
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Currently Unemployed

Other (please specify)

Pleasant Ridge Parks & Recreation Survey

***22. What category below includes your age?**

- ☐ Under 20 years old
- ☐ 20 – 29 years
- ☐ 30 – 39 years
- ☐ 40 – 49 years
- ☐ 50 – 59 years
- ☐ 60 – 69 years
- ☐ 70 – 79 years
- ☐ 80 – 89 years
- ☐ 90 years and over

***23. Which area of the community do you reside?**

- ☐ Area between I-696, Amherst, Grand Trunk Railroad, and Woodward Avenue
- ☐ Area between Amherst, Ferndale City Limits (Woodward Heights), Grand Trunk Railroad, and Woodward Avenue
- ☐ Area between I-696, Ferndale City Limits (Cambridge), Woodward Avenue and Ridge Road
- ☐ Area between I-696, Ferndale City Limits (Cambridge), Ridge Road, and the Oak Park City Limits (Maplefield)

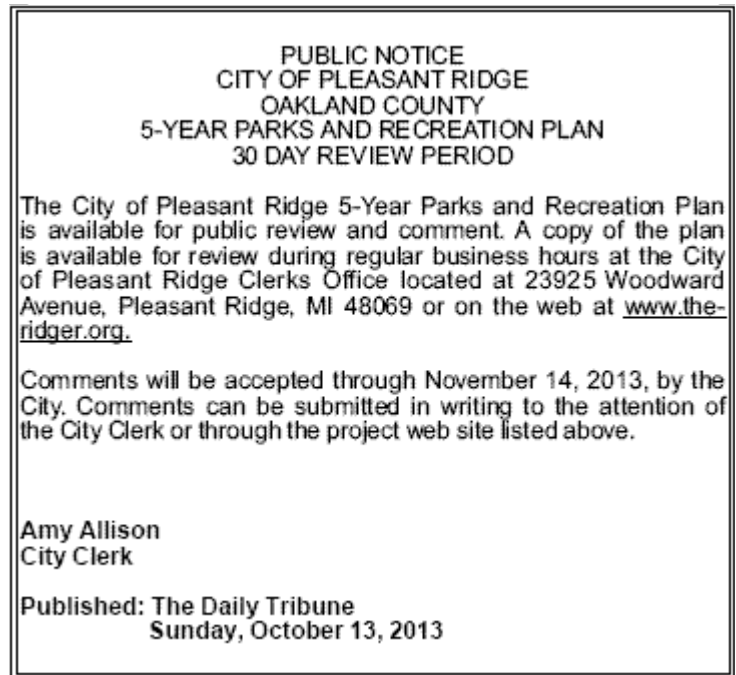
24. Please feel free to comment in the text box below regarding any suggestions you may have that were not addressed in this Resident Survey.

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Appendix C

Public Comment Period

After the draft plan was completed, a public notice was published in The Daily Tribune on October 13, 2013. From October 15, 2013 to November 14, 2013 (31 days), residents of Pleasant Ridge had the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan. The plan was available for review at City Hall and at www.theridger.org. Residents were able to comment on the plan through the project website or by submitting comments to the City. Public comments concerning the draft plan can be found in Appendix C. To address the public comments, additional detail was added concerning the improvements at Gainsboro Park, the existing parks map was corrected, and several editorial changes were made.



Public Comment Period Notice

Public Hearing and Plan Adoption

The Recreation Commission recommended the plan to the City Commission at their meeting on November 26, 2013. After the completion of the 31-day public comment period, a notice was published in The Daily Tribune newspaper on January 1, 2014, notifying the public of the date of the public hearing. The public hearing was held on January 14, 2013, in the City Commission Chambers. A copy of the meeting minutes can be found in Appendix C. The City Commission adopted the final plan unanimously through Resolution 14-3052.

City of Pleasant Ridge

23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 4.03 (B) of the Pleasant Ridge City Code that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 7:30 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, 23925 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069, to solicit comments on the following item:

Adoption of the City of Pleasant Ridge 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan

All interested citizens are requested to attend the public hearing. Comments will also be received in writing and in person at the Pleasant Ridge City Hall. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact the City Offices at (248)541-2900 for special services.

Amy M. Drealan
City Clerk

Published: The Daily Tribune
Wednesday, January 1, 2014
AFFIDAVIT REQUESTED

Public Hearing Notice

Public Comments

Comment 1:

I spent a few moments reading through the Recreation Master Plan yesterday evening and offer the following suggestions for revision:

Pg 4) The graph at the top indicates that the lots on the east-most side between Maywood and Sylvan are P&R space. Is this true?

Pg 8) The organization chart is missing the Planning Commission. It might also be useful to show a generic box for the non-permanent subcommittees (parking, etc).

Pg 10) The graph does not indicate all park spaces, or has mis-colored park spaces. For example, Moberly Park is missing, and Flynn Field is incorrectly identified.

Pg 30) The items for improvement should be numbered, so that they can be described in greater detail in the appendix.

Pg 35) The order of the items does not match the order on Pg 30. Each of these could be organized to provide better description of the item of repair. For example, what is "DPW Lot Improvements?" It's not a section in Appendix A, or at least I can't find it, and yet it's the most expensive improvement item.

Please include this as my input at the public hearing in the event that I am unable to attend, and please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Comment 2:

The plan is attractive and ticks most of the boxes on the DNR's checklist. The first 29 pages of analysis and goal setting are fine. However, and this is a big however, it falls down when it comes to the most important parts - namely, the process and the actual plan.

In terms of the process, releasing a survey and then developing a plan without giving the residents the ability to participate in the formulation of the action plan is a mistake.

Also, there's no "plan" in the plan. There's an action plan table that describes activities in very, very general terms and assigns costs to them, but for someone reading the plan it is not at all clear what it is that is being proposed.

DPW lot improvements for \$468,000? That's a pretty specific number for a mystery project. Does that mean razing the building? Refurbishing it? Building something new? There's no way to tell.

My suggestion is to go back and do proper public input where the Rec Commission works with the residents to present the potential projects, evaluate them based on cost, adjust as necessary, determine the most desirable path forward that has a reasonable chance of being funded, FULLY describe that plan in the document, and THEN release the draft plan for review. That's how you build support and consensus around a plan.

As it stands, this plan gets an incomplete grade and cannot be evaluated. There is plenty of time to prevent it from getting a failing grade IF we're willing to do the work.

Comment 3:

I wasn't able to make the meeting last night, but I did get an update on the discussion.

Re: the explanation given last night for why it is not possible to do anything different is not persuasive. The rec plan need only be to the DNR by March 1 in order to be certified in time to support grant submissions by April 1. This means a January recommendation by the Rec Commission and a February approval by City Commission would get the plan to the DNR in time for 2014 grant submittals.

I'm disappointed that John I's professional opinion disagrees with this timeframe, but I still maintain (and I have a professional opinion, too) that there is plenty of time to do the job right, not just quickly.

Meeting Minutes

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES November 26, 2013

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Chris Budnik, Kevin Kelly, Sue Terpack, Victor Furnari, Diana Peraino, Amanda Wahl, Christine Matyas, Jacqueline Scully, Jason Krzysiak, Scott Pietrzak, Bridget Brown

Absent: None

Additional: John Iacoangeli (Beckett & Raeder)

3. Consideration of the minutes of the Recreation Commission meeting held Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Motion: Terpack Second: Budnik

Yeas: 9 Nays: 0

4. Public Comments – items not on the agenda
 - a. None

5. Consideration of the presentation of the conceptual plan for Gainsboro Park.
Scott gave an overview of the Conceptual Gainsboro Park Plan for the Commission and those in attendance. The Commission was enthused by the plan and the progress that has been made.

6. Consideration of the final draft of 2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Representatives from Beckett & Raeder were at the meeting to discuss the Recreation Master Plan. The official public comment period has ended and the where applicable changes have been made to the draft plan. There are more descriptive explanations of the park upgrades, a rendering, costs spread out and some small typographical changes.

The Recreation Commission is pleased with the plan and excited to see it move on to the next process.

Motion by the Recreation Commission to approve the final draft (contingent on professional editing) of the 2014-2019 Parks & Recreation Master Plan and forward the document to the City Commission for a Public Hearing and Final approval.

Motion: Perino

Second: Wahl

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0

7. Consideration of the reports of the Recreation Commission sub-committees:

- a. Art Fair

- The event was a huge success. We had over 400 people come through the for the two day event. The artist had a nice time, and we had many good comments about the event organization. Special thanks to Sue and Jacqueline for all their hard work.

b. Community Enrichment

- Kevin will have a report at the next meeting

c. Community Garden

- Garden is closed for the season. Garden is a hugely successful program.

d. Health/Wellness/Play:

- No report

e. Parks Subcommittee:

- Covered this during item #5

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

Motion: Peraino

Second: Wahl

Yeas: 9

Nays: 0



City of Pleasant Ridge

Regular City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

Present: Commissioners Foreman, Krzysiak, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
Also Present: Acting City Manager Pietrzak, City Attorney Cooper, City Clerk Drealan.
Absent: None.

Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Item #11 & 12

2014-2019 City of Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Acting City Manager Pietrzak gave an overview and timeline for the proposed 2014-2019 Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:18 p.m.

14-3052

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Foreman, that the 2014-2019 City of Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Krzysiak, Foreman, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger
Nays: None.

I, Amy M. Drealan, duly certified Clerk of the City of Pleasant Ridge do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Pleasant Ridge City Commission at its Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the Corporate Seal of the City this 15th day of January 2014.

Amy M. Drealan
City Clerk





2014-2019 CITY OF PLEASANT RIDGE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Ridge has undertaken a planning process to determine the recreation and natural resource conservation needs and desires of its residents during a five year period covering the years 2014 through 2019, and

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission began the process of developing a community recreation and natural resource conservation plan in accordance with the most recent guidelines developed by the Department of Natural Resources and made available to local communities, and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of Pleasant Ridge were provided with a well-advertised opportunity during the development of the draft plan to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

WHEREAS, the public was given a well-advertised opportunity and reasonable accommodations to review the final draft plan for a period of at least two weeks, and

WHEREAS, a final public comment session was held on January 14, 2014 at the City of Pleasant Ridge City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 23925 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, to provide an opportunity for all residents of the planning area to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the recreation and natural resource conservation plan, and

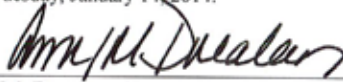
WHEREAS, the City of Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission has developed the plan as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the City of Pleasant Ridge, and

WHEREAS, after the public meeting, the Pleasant Ridge City Commission voted to adopt said recreation and natural resources conservation plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Pleasant Ridge City Commission hereby adopts the 2014-2019 City of Pleasant Ridge Recreation and Natural Resource Conservation Plan.

Adopted:	Yeas:	Commissioner Krzysiak, Foreman, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
	Nays:	None.
	Absent:	None.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Amy M. Drealan, duly certified Clerk of the City of Pleasant Ridge, do hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted By the Pleasant Ridge City Commission at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 14, 2014.


 Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

letter of transmittal



Date: 1.22.14

From: Caitlin Jackson

To: **Mr. Daniel P. Hunter**
Deputy Director
Executive Office Building
Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41W
Waterford, MI 48328

Project: Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Enclosed: Final Adopted Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Remarks:

Please find enclosed a CD containing the final adopted draft of the Pleasant Ridge Parks Master Plan for your review.

Thank you.

Caitlin Jackson

cc: Scott Pietrzak, Acting City Manager
City of Pleasant Ridge

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Date: 1.22.14

From: Caitlin Jackson

To: **Mr. Calvin Johnson**
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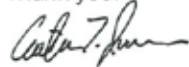
Project: Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Enclosed: Final Adopted Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Remarks:

Please find enclosed a CD containing the final adopted draft of the Pleasant Ridge Parks Master Plan for your review.

Thank you.



Caitlin Jackson

cc: Scott Pietrzak, Acting City Manager
 City of Pleasant Ridge

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**COMMUNITY PARK, RECREATION, OPEN SPACE, AND
GREENWAY PLAN CERTIFICATION CHECKLIST**

*By Authority of Parts 19, 703 and 716 of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended, submission of this
information is required for eligibility to apply for grants*

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete, obtain certification signatures and submit this checklist with a locally adopted recreation plan.

All recreation plans are required to meet the content and local approval standards listed in this checklist and as outlined in the *Guidelines for the Development of Community Park, Recreation, Open Space and Greenway Plans* provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). To be eligible for grant consideration, plans must be submitted to the DNR prior to the grant application deadline **with** a completed checklist that has been signed by an authorized official(s) of the local unit of government(s) submitting the plan.

PLAN INFORMATION

Name of Plan: Pleasant Ridge Parks and Recreation Master Plan 2014-2019

List the community names (including school districts) covered by the plan	County	Month and year plan adopted by the community's governing body
City of Pleasant Ridge	Oakland	January 2014

PLAN CONTENT

INSTRUCTIONS: Please check each box to certify that the listed information is included in the final plan.

☒ **1. COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION**☒ **2. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE**☒ Roles of Commission(s) or Advisory Board(s)☒ Department, Authority and/or Staff Description and Organizational Chart☒ Annual and Projected Budgets for Operations, Maintenance, Capital Improvements and Recreation☒ Programming☒ Current Funding Sources☒ Role of Volunteers☒ Relationship(s) with School Districts, Other Public Agencies or Private Organizations**Regional Authorities or Trailway Commissions Only**☐ Description of the Relationship between the Authority or Commission and the Recreation Departments of☐ Participating Communities☐ Articles of Incorporation☒ **3. RECREATION INVENTORY**☒ Description of Methods Used to Conduct the Inventory☒ Inventory of all Community Owned Parks and Recreation Facilities☒ Location Maps (site development plans recommended but not required)☒ Accessibility Assessment☒ Status Report for all Grant-Assisted Parks and Recreation Facilities☐ **4. RESOURCE INVENTORY (OPTIONAL)**☒ **5. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANNING PROCESS**

☒ **6. DESCRIPTION OF THE PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

☒ Description of the Method(s) Used to Solicit Public Input Before or During Preparation of the Plan, Including a Copy of the Survey or Meeting Agenda and a Summary of the Responses Received

☒ Copy of the Notice of the Availability of the Draft Plan for Public Review and Comment

Date of the Notice October 13, 2013

Type of Notice Public Notice – Newspaper – The Daily Tribune

Plan Location City of Pleasant Ridge Clerks Office and Online

Duration of Draft Plan Public Review Period (Must be at Least 30 Days) Oct. 15 to Nov. 14, 2013 (31 Days)

☒ Copy of the Notice for the Public Meeting Held after the One Month Public Review Period and Before the Plan's Adoption by the Governing Body(ies)

Date of Notice January 1, 2014

Name of Newspaper The Daily Tribune

Date of Meeting January 14, 2014

☒ Copy of the Minutes from the Public Meeting

☒ **7. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

☒ **8. ACTION PROGRAM**

☒ **9. POST-COMPLETION SELF-INSPECTION REPORT**

PLAN ADOPTION DOCUMENTATION

Plans **must** be adopted by the highest level *governing body* (i.e., city council, county commission, township board). If planning is the responsibility of a Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Recreation Advisory Board or other local Board or Commission, the plan should **also** include a resolution from the Board or Commission recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body.

The local unit of government must submit the final plan to both the County and Regional Planning Agency for their information. Documentation that this was done must be submitted with the plan to the DNR.

Items 1, 3 and 4 below are **required** and must be included in the plan.

APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION: For multi-jurisdictional plans, **each** local unit of government must pass a resolution adopting the plan. Prepare and attach a separate page for each unit of government included in the plan.

- ☒ 1. Official resolution of adoption by the governing body dated: January 14, 2014
- ☒ 2. Official resolution of the Recreation Commission Commission or Board, recommending adoption of the plan by the governing body, dated: November 26, 2013
- ☒ 3. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to County Planning Agency dated: January 22, 2014
- ☒ 4. Copy of letter transmitting adopted plan to Regional Planning Agency dated: January 22, 2014

OVERALL CERTIFICATION

NOTE: For multi-jurisdictional plans, Overall Certification must include the signature of each local unit of government. Prepare and attach a separate signature page for each unit of government included in the plan.

I hereby certify that the recreation plan for

Pleasant Ridge, Oakland County

(Local Unit of Government)

above and as set forth by the DNR.

includes the required content, as indicated



Authorized Official for the Local Unit of Government

1-23-2014

Date

This completed checklist must be signed and submitted with a locally adopted recreation plan to:

**GRANTS MANAGEMENT
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES
PO BOX 30425
LANSING, MI 48909-7925**

DNR USE ONLY - APPROVAL

The recreation plan is approved by the DNR and the community (ies) covered by the plan, as listed on page 1 of this checklist is/are eligible to apply for recreation grants through

By:

_____ Date

Grants Management

_____ Date