



City of Pleasant Ridge

Members of the Recreation Commission and Residents: This shall serve as your official notification of the Regular Recreation Commission Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 7:00 P.M., at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069. The following items are on the agenda for your consideration:

REGULAR RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

1. Meeting Called to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration of the following minutes:
 - a. Regular Recreation Commission Meeting held Wednesday February 6, 2019.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS- items not on the agenda.
5. Consideration of the following updates:
 - a. Recreation Center staffing.
 - b. Community Pool.
 - c. Community Outreach.
 - d. Centennial Event planning.
6. Other Business
7. Adjournment.

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**Pleasant Ridge
Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

February 6, 2019

Scott Pietrzak called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Sufi (Jay) Ahmad, Christopher Budnik, Mark Campbell, Richard Cook, Al Kaczowski, James Leyerly, Christine Matyas, Scott Pietrzak, Barbara Rozman-Stokes, Wendy Schrag, Shawnie Stamper, Amanda Wahl

Absent: Catherine Russell, Esther Winer

Recognition of Service

Scott, Shawnie and members of the Recreation Commission thanked Chris and Christine for their service to the Commission and the City.

Meeting Minutes for August 29, 2018

The Recreation Commission approved the minutes.

Public Comments not on the Agenda

None

New Recreation Commissioners

Welcomed were new Commissioners Jay Ahmad, Al Kaczowski and Barbara Rozman-Stokes.

Chairperson and Secretary for the 2019 Recreation Commission

The Recreation Commission approved James as Chair and Wendy as Secretary.

Community Center Renovations and Other Activities

Completed

- Community Center's Event Room is 99% finished. Many contractors were involved in giving this room an overhaul. Rentals of the space are up. Rates will increase. It was suggested that seasonal rates be imposed. Additionally, additional fees will be imposed for serving of beer and wine.

Proposed

- Additional Seating and Shade for Pool. Scott presented a rendering of the shelter, which will be located on the eastern side of the green area. It must be easy to maintain and engineered for wind. If the structure cannot be completed before Memorial Day, it will be built after the Pool Season.
- Gainsborough Path Lighting. Scott is working with a landscape artist to identify lighting that is attractive, robust, effective and not over powering (light pollution).
- City has approved these initiatives, which were submitted to the DNR. The Pleasant Ridge Foundation has also been asked for funds for the lighting.
- Garden Boxes. Richard requested that more garden boxes be added to the community garden due to interest. It was suggested that a Farmers Market be held (perhaps in conjunction with the 100th Birthday Party Celebration).

100th Birthday Celebration

Scott said that plans are underway for celebrating Pleasant Ridge's 100th birthday.

- Adults Only Kick-off Party at the Community Center on June 7, 7 – 10 p.m.
- Family Event at Gainsborough Park on September 7, 2 – 6 p.m.
- Revised Pleasant Ridge history book (Historical Commission handling)

Recreation Commission Ideas

Scott verified the purpose of the Recreation Commission. The Commission serves an advisory function, is a liaison between the City government and residents (and, in some cases, clarifies information to residents), assists with community events, and brings ideas to the City for consideration.

Ideas that came up during this meeting:

- Volunteer opportunities for young residents
- Outreach to older residents (possibly involving young residents)
- Youth theater camp
- Ping pong tournament
- Virtual running event
- Return concert events to the City
- PR Porch Party at Community Center (during Ferndale's June 22 Porch Concert Series)
- Continue working relationship with Iron Ridge
- Stress the importance of registering for events to assist with planning

The Recreation Commission agreed to conduct a brainstorming session on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m. (Note: Deadline for *The Ridger* is March 18.)

Adjournment

Richard made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Jay seconded. Yeas: 8 Nays: 0