



City of Pleasant Ridge

23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission Wednesday, October 30, 2019

Members of the Recreation Commission and Residents: This shall serve as your official notification of the Regular Recreation Commission Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Pleasant Ridge Community Center, 4 Ridge Road, Michigan 48069**. The following items are on the Agenda for your consideration:

RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – 7:00 P.M.

1. Meeting Called to Order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Minutes:
 - Regular Meeting Minutes held Wednesday, July 31, 2019.
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the Agenda.
5. Recreation Commission updates:
 - a. Halloween Hayride – Decorating Contest
 - b. Halloween Hayride Event update
 - c. Upcoming events.
 - i. Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - ii. Recreation Holiday Events.
6. City Commission Liaison Report.
7. Other Business.
8. Adjournment.

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**Pleasant Ridge
Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes**

July 31, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Roll Call

Present: Sufi (Jay) Ahmad, Barbara Rozman-Stokes, Mark Campbell, Al Kaczowski, Catherine Russell.

Absent: Richard Cook, James Leyerly, Wendy Schrag (resigned), Esther Winer

Also present: City Clerk Drealan, Recreation Director Stamper, City Commission liaison Wahl.

Wendy has resigned as she has moved out of Pleasant Ridge. Wendy was the secretary, so Barb Rozman volunteered to take on that role in her absence.

Approval of Minutes

19-0001

Reviewed and no questions or comments were added. Approved unanimously.

Public Discussion

Shawnie sent out surveys to residents who participated in the various summer programs including swim team and the summer camp. Shawnie will present the results at the next Recreation Committee meeting. Shawnee encouraged committee members to encourage others to complete the survey.

Barb brought the suggestion from residents to consider installing a section of wall in one of the park areas where area residents could use the wall to practice as a wall ball for practicing various sports including tennis, soccer and lacrosse for example. Amy said she would look into where and how this would be possible.

Barb also brought the idea of trying to connect the pool to the back-park area behind the rec center with an opening. The idea would be to close off entry to the park from the street areas so that residents could only get to the park from the community center or the pool allowing for secure access and for people using the pool to go freely between specially to use the playground and larger park area. Other committee members seemed agreeable that this would be a good idea, but there are limitations based on what is required for licensing from insurance and Oakland County. Shawnie said there was a secondary inspection for the pool tomorrow and will ask the health inspector what would be possible and needed in this regard. We can discuss possible next steps in the next meeting.

Someone asked how check-ins are going and visitor passes are going this year at the pool? Overall the feedback was very positive that the staff was handling much better this year and there were no major issues. The pool has not had to close any full days this year and has only had to close for partial times due to weather. People shared with Shawnie that she is doing a great job of communicating pool closures on the Facebook page and through email to residents.

The question was asked about how other summer programs are going? Summer camp is going really well. There are many residents participating and it is very successful. Volleyball has gone well. All three home swim meets have been good except for the challenge of parking, but the police have been very helpful in that regard of helping with that. Adult swim meet participation is down a little this year.

The 100-year resident party went really, really well. Approx. 225 people attended. There was a great showing from all of the committees and programs at the party and it was very well received. Al suggested considering hosting a new resident reception/community open house event similar to this party more frequently. Maybe consider doing once a year or once every two years.

The ice cream social was great overall. We had a lot of people show up but some complaints because the ice cream ran out. Gave out 250 cups of ice cream and two bouncers were donated by Oakland County. Next year consider a different ice cream solution to help with portions and cost.

100 people are registered for the campout this weekend. Dave Zientek and Patrick Thompson are laying out the property. Foundation donated a \$1000 for the event. They will show a movie that night and swim until 10.

Recreation Building Rental Fee Increase

19-0002

Shawnie provided a comparison to other nearby city room rental costs for review. We are competitive and currently able to recoup our costs. The room is currently booked most weekends. We talked about considering a peak and off-peak time costs, but this didn't feel necessary considering the most times the room is rented is during the weekends. During the week, the rooms are primarily used for community and rec department events. Jay made a motion to approve the rate increase.

Katherine seconded the motion and the committee approved motion. The final approval will go to the city council at their next meeting.

Centennial Celebration

Our team was asked to recommend what kind of food options we will have for the event. Commissioner Wahl said food trucks had been suggested. The discussion was brought up to consider Hunter House, El Guapo, Detroit BBQ Company or National Coney Island. Amy is going to look into the options and figure out the best cost alternative. Commissioner Wahl is going to reach out to Treat Dreams about creating a centennial ice cream flavor to be available at the event.

A new Assistant Rec Director name Greg Calbeck was hired. He is coming to Pleasant Ridge from the city of Troy. He will be starting 8/19/19 and his first task is to get the loose ends tied up for the family party. Shawnie asked that the recreation commission members volunteer at the event.

Upcoming Events

Hayride: Shawnie is looking at new options for the event this year. The fire department will be there this year so people can go on the truck and with their safety house. We will consider having a house decorating contest on the hayride route where people could vote.

Halloween events: Possible consider a haunted house at the rec center.

October 3rd is flu shot days working with Kevin Nowak and fire department to do a longer health and safety day for all residents. More information to come on that. It will be in conjunction with neighborhood watch event.

Election in November. Two people running for commission seat currently unopposed.

Amy asked for any other comments or suggestions.

Pickleball league or open play has started and people play on Wednesdays in a round robin style. Chuck Green started and is keeping it organized.

Shawnie had to reschedule the teen swim event due to weather for this Friday August 5th. This will primarily be a resident only event. The last adult swim is scheduled for August 22nd.

City Commission Liaison Report

Commissioner Wahl said there was nothing significantly new to report. The primary things recently covered by the commission have been the centennial things, safety events, upcoming reelection. The city adopted our annual budget at the June meeting. The city commission opted to currently hold on allowing any marijuana related business from opening in the city until more information and regulations are finalized and provided by the state. Once the regulations are provided a town hall will be held to discuss. The city can decide to opt in at a later date. The sidewalk program is ongoing and going well. In the fall there will be a road repair project and patching on some of the roads.

The Gainsboro lighting project will be completed once all of the lights have been delivered. The pool gazebo project is delayed until next year. Also, the chairs in the pool area continue to be an issue and need further repair or possible replacement. City hall is completing a technology upgrade and room improvements to make more accessible and inclusive for all residents.

Other Business

Shawnie was officially appointed Recreation Director on July 1, 2019. Congratulations Shawnie!

Jay mentioned there are issues at Gainsboro Park with the chairs and tables being thrown around and with the air conditioning unit in the building leaking. Amy and Shawnie will investigate both to see how to handle. Also, cameras are still being updated and may help in the future to control in that area.

With no further comments or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.



City of Pleasant Ridge

Greg Calbeck, Assistant Recreation Director

From: Greg Calbeck, Assistant Recreation Director
To: Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission
CC: Amy Drealan, City Clerk
Date: October 28, 2019
Re: Halloween House Decorations Voting

The Recreation Commission is to vote on the below houses for the following awards.

Creepiest Skeleton Award: Entries will be judged on creepiest and most original.

Best Decorated Pumpkins: Entries will be judged on originality.

Scariest: Entries will be judged on special effects and overall sense of fright!

Judges' Favorite: This category is decided by the judges.

Addresses of houses that submitted pictures to be considered:

19 Maplefield	14 Oxford	25 Woodward Heights
48 Fairwood	95 Maplefield	21 Hanover
52 Fairwood	40 Fairwood	14 Devonshire
22 Wellesley	3 Cambridge	32 Devonshire
7 Elm Park	60 Oakdale	22 Sylvan

The are photos of each property attached, and there will be additional photos at the meeting. Please feel free to visit the properties if you wish.

19 Maplefield



14 Oxford



25 Woodward Heights



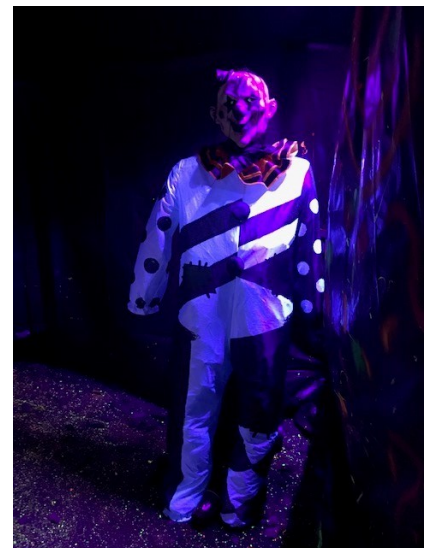
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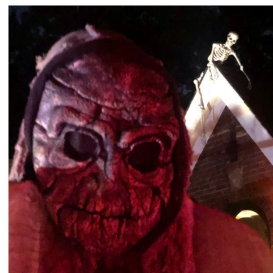
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