

**YOU ARE INVITED....**



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**TO A PUBLIC INPUT SESSION TO DISCUSS  
PLANS FOR THE CITY OF PLAINWELL'S  
PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.  
THE INCLUDED SURVEY CAN BE  
RETURNED TO CITY HALL BEFORE OR  
DURING THIS MEETING.**

**DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

**TIME: 5:30 PM TO 6:30 PM PRIOR TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:00 PM**

**LOCATION: CITY HALL, 141 N. MAIN ST.**

**PURPOSE: AS PART OF THE CITY'S FIVE-  
YEAR RECREATION PLAN UPDATE**

**QUESTIONS: CALL EMILIE SCHADA, CITY  
OF PLAINWELL, AT 685-6821**

# CITY OF PLAINWELL FIVE-YEAR PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The City of Plainwell is presently in the process of updating the existing Parks and Recreation Plan for the community. You can help determine the future of city parks by filling out and returning this questionnaire.

The purpose of this survey is intended to gauge public opinion to help define the city's role in fulfilling the recreational needs of city residents, identify areas for improvement in the city's current park system, as well as to prioritize the long-range use of the city's resources for recreational purposes.

When you are finished, please send to the return address shown, or you may return them during the Parks and Recreation Public Input Session of **September 24, 2007 at 5:30 pm, City Hall** during which your ideas, input, and suggestions would be appreciated.

1. What street do you live on?
2. How frequently do you or members of your household use any of the city parks?

**Parks**

	Daily	At least Once/Week	At Least Once/Month	At Least Once/Year	Never
Hicks					
Fannie Pell					
Sherwood					
Thurl Cook					
Softball/Rec					
Darrow					
Riverwalk					

3. How often do you or members of your household use neighborhood or school recreation facilities "after school" hours?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Daily
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least once a week
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least once a month
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least once a year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Never

4. Place an "X" by no more than five (5) of the following facilities which you would like to see provided or expanded to city residents.

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|---|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball Diamonds                      | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music venues in park-like settings | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis Courts                      | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public art in park-like settings   | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Motorized Pedestrian Paths     | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds                        | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Volleyball Courts          | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Fields                      | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Centers               | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Rink Skating (outdoor)         | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skate Park                         | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-Country Skiing Trails        | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Basketball Courts          | If so where? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other                              | Other        |

5. We would like to know how you feel about the following statements. Please write the appropriate number on the line before each statement.

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

- Parks are important to our community
- I am satisfied with the park facilities in the city
- More park and recreation space is needed in my area of the city
- There should be more neighborhood parks in the city
- There should be more "tot lots" in the city
- There should be more activities taking place in the parks

6. Do you feel there is need for additional bike trails, or the linking of existing bike trails in the city?

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| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> (Additional Bike Trails) | If so where? |
| Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> (Linking Bike Trails)    | If so where? |

Do you feel that additional non-motorized public access, such as docks and canoe ramps, should be provided to the Kalamazoo River?

Yes  No

7a. One of the goals of the existing Recreation Plan is to preserve and enhance recreation opportunities centering around the river. Do you agree with this goal?

Yes  No

7b. Do you think the river walk should be extended?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

7c. An additional goal of the Recreation Plan is to add trails and acreage to Thurl Cook Park, located on the east side of the city. Do you agree with this goal?

7d. What kinds of additional facilities or amenities would you like to see at Thurl Cook Park?

8. How strongly would you agree to support the following methods for funding?

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	2	3	4	5

\_\_\_\_\_ User Fees (charging people to use city recreation facilities)

\_\_\_\_\_ Gifts and Donations

\_\_\_\_\_ Millage/Bond Issue

\_\_\_\_\_ General Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ Grants

9. How many people in your household (family) are in the following age groups?

\_\_\_\_\_ 0-5 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-15 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 16-25 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 26-35 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 36-45 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 46-55 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 56 + years

10. How long have you lived in the City of Plainwell?

\_\_\_\_\_ Less than 1 year

\_\_\_\_\_ 1-3 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-6 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 7-9 years

\_\_\_\_\_ 10-12

\_\_\_\_\_ More than 12 years

11. In your opinion, are there areas in the park system that need improvement? Please be specific.

12. In your opinion, what are the greatest attributes of the city park system?

13. Which park do you frequent the most? Why?

14. Which park do you frequent the least? Why?

15. Any additional comments?

Thank you for completing this survey! Feel free to return this survey in person during the **September 24, 2007** Public Input Session at Plainwell City Hall, 141 N. Main Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 at 5:30 pm. You may also send it to the return address above.