

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTS, RECREATION AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Fall 2017 Board of Trustees Presentation

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

34 Township residents signed up for this group

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- **February 22, 2017** – Initial Meeting of the CAC
- **April 12, 2017** – Meeting at Township Hall
- **May 17, 2017** – Meeting at Four Seasons Pavilion
- **June 28, 2017** – Meeting at PARC
- **September 20, 2017** – Meeting at Four Seasons Pavilion

RECREATION - *Ideas*

- **Dog Park**

- Allow dogs on leash in Township Park
- Establish a designated fenced-in “off leash” dog park
 - ❖ *Membership options available for residents & non-residents*
- Possible location in the area east of the ball diamonds

- **Walking/Running Paths**

- Increase the walking/running options available in the Township
 - ❖ *Explore feasibility of completing sidewalks along Ann Arbor Trail and Ann Arbor Road*
- Educate residents about walking/running options
 - ❖ *Information regarding pedestrian rights*
 - ❖ *Walking route maps for selected locations (i.e. wooded trails)*

RECREATION – *Ideas & Accomplishments*

- **Biking**
 - Provide maps for selected biking routes
 - Provide bike rentals and return racks
 - Educate residents on bicycling safety and rules of the road
 - Paint bike path markings where feasible

- **Accomplishments**
 - **Recycle bins** placed near all the shelters in the Township Park

RECREATION - *Recommendations*

- **Joint planning with the City of Plymouth**
 - Programs & activities varying by ages
 - ❖ *Youth*
 - ❖ *Adults*
 - ❖ *Seniors*
- **Hilltop Golf Course**
 - The committee has **no** specific recommendations for changes to Hilltop at this time
- **Continued preservation focus:**
 - Miller Woods
 - Woods just north of Township Park

ARTS - Ideas

- **Create a Public Arts Commission for the Plymouth Community (City + Township)**
 - More communication about existing art in our community
 - ❖ *Help residents and visitors know where to locate art (**guide maps** and /or **mobile application with interactive maps**)*
 - Explore settings for permanent public art (purchase or lease)
 - Encourage businesses to sponsor art at their locations
 - Build a coalition of supporters
- **Explore rotating art displays/fairs**
 - Township Hall and/or other locations
 - Incorporate local (PCCS) student art (*explore commissioned student art*)
 - Local artists to display art
 - Commission a **mural** for the 200th anniversary of the Township depicting historic areas

ARTS - Ideas

- Inform Township residents about *Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC)* collaborations with the *Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)*
 - **Examples:**
 - ❖ Free DIA Director lecture at PARC on July 20, 2017
 - ❖ DIA Away experience held at PARC on October 14-15, 2017

ARTS - *Recommendations*

- **Increase awareness in the Plymouth Community of the opportunities that exist to experience:**
 - **Visual Arts**
 - **Performing Arts**
 - **Culinary Arts**
 - **Arts Education**

HERITAGE – *Ideas + Recommendations*

- **Township calendar and website**
 - Township history
 - Historic homes and sites (*photos + stories*)
- **Township Ordinances and Codes**
 - Add historic preservation and demolition policies
 - No infringement on property rights
- **Preservation/repurpose**
 - Silos at 5 Mile & Ridge (*work with State of Michigan*)
 - Phoenix & Wilcox Mills – Board to determine ideas for usage
- **Township History**
 - Collaborate with Plymouth District Library on the Township history **booklet**
 - Sponsor a **State Historical Marker**
 - Add a Township history module (interactive) to potential Township mobile application
- **Plan for Township 200th Birthday in 2027**