



City of Hastings
Parks & Recreation

920 W 10th Street ▪ Hastings, MN 55033 ▪ Ph: 651-480-6175 ▪ www.hastingsmn.gov

Parks & Recreation Commission
Work Session Agenda

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – 6:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Conference Room

- | | |
|---|---------|
| 1) Girl Scout Troup 53594 of the Hastings/Prescott Service Unit | 6:00 PM |
| a. Proposal | |
| 2) Rotary Pavilion Summer Programming | 6:20 PM |
| a. Calendar of Events | |
| 3) Department Updates | 6:30 PM |
| 4) Commissioner Reports | 6:40 PM |

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 2016

All times are approximate

May 1, 2016

For your consideration:

Girl Scout Troop 53594 of the Hastings/Prescott Service Unit, governed by Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, would like to propose the addition of Gaga Pits in no more than 3 of our local parks.

Gaga is a rolling dodgeball game that is played inside an octagonal ring. The game requires a softer, bouncy ball such as a kickball. The game is played at camps, but we feel the game would have considerable popularity with youth in Hastings, particularly adolescents/teens, if the playing area was staged in an accessible park. It would add to the amenities available to the community and be of interest to visitors in our parks.

The parks we have selected as possible sights are Pleasant Park, Lions Park, and Greten Park or South Pines Park or Cari Park. Chris Jenkins has advised the troop and will continue to do so in regards to potential locations.

The cost to construct a Gaga Pit is approximately \$500/pit. The labor would be managed with a combination of the troop's resources in partnership with Parks and Recreation staff. The cost of materials can be approached with a few different strategies.

Option A – Materials donated through solicitation by troop of local businesses

Option B – Shared cost between troop and P&R, percentage to be determined based on P&R budget allocation

Option C – A combination of previous 2 options with shared cost determined after donations assessment

The troop will work with the Hastings/Prescott Service Unit to assist in maintaining the equipment in the future.

We would appreciate the opportunity to present our project in person and answer questions you may have at the May 10 commission meeting.

Respectfully,

Girl Scout Troop 53594
c/o Shelley Kurzeka-Jung
20585 Rowan Ave
Welch MN 55089
gstroop53594@gmail.com