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## **PENMET BUILDS COMMUNITY THROUGH NEW RECREATION CENTER**

*The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) board of commissioners has approved plans to develop a new state-of-the-art community recreation center on the Gig Harbor Peninsula.*

**GIG HARBOR, WA** – Following the completion of a detailed feasibility study to include need, impact and fund management, PenMet Parks Board of Directors approved plans to move forward with the purchase & sale agreement for the current Performance Golf property, located at 2416 14th Ave, Gig Harbor, WA 98335. The anticipated close date is December of 2019.

Board President, Maryellen “Missy” Hill said, “After a thorough due diligence period, PenMet Park Board of Commissioners and staff and are immensely excited to move forward on this project. The Community Recreation Center will address many of the needs citizens requested in a recent survey including active space for seniors, programs for special populations, indoor recreation opportunities year-round and an additional opportunity, supporting the continuation of the Cushman Trail system through the property. After our levy lid lift was approved by voters in 2017, restoring the District’s regular property tax levy rate to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 2018 we now feel well-positioned to manage the expenses of the project via a Board initiated bond,” said President Hill.

Project design features of the new facility include indoor recreation space, multi-purpose learning spaces, community activity spaces, indoor walking track and, event rental space. As the design process advances, the provisional usage of the current facility is currently in development. The District commits to remaining diligent in working with neighboring communities.

PenMet Parks Interim Executive Director, Glenn Akramoff believes the project will bring the community together providing both active and passive recreation. “The Community Recreation Center will aid in the advancement of the District vision to enhance the quality of life in our area.” Says Akramoff, “We are excited to build community by developing this project as the Greater Gig Harbor Community.”

Please look for future opportunities to be involved in the planning of the Community Recreation Center

Further project details can be found at [www.penmetparks.org/recreationcenter](http://www.penmetparks.org/recreationcenter)

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