



**APPLICATION FORM**  
**GLADSTONE CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Please use this form to express your interest in serving on a particular board/committee or commission. You may attach additional material if you wish. For information on vacancies and board/committee bylaws, please visit [www.gladstonemi.org](http://www.gladstonemi.org), call 906-428-2311 or e-mail [kberry@gladstonemi.org](mailto:kberry@gladstonemi.org). Please note that applications are kept on file for six months. The Gladstone City Commission makes appointments to City Boards at their regular meetings as vacancies occur. Completed applications are public documents and are subject to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act.

**Eligibility Requirements:**

Are you a registered voter in the City of Gladstone? \*

Yes ☒ No ☐

Have you been a City resident for at least 12 months?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Are you currently in default to the City of Gladstone?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Are you related to any elected City Commissioner (including by marriage)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

\*According to the City Charter, each member appointed by the City Commission shall be a qualified and registered elector of the city on such day and throughout the member's tenure of office.

Name of City Board or Committee: If applying for more than one board/committee, please list order of preference:

- 1) RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name as it Appears on License: John EDWARD DeFiore

Driver's License Number: [REDACTED]

Home Address: 1024 LAKE SHORE DR Phone: 906 399 7720

Occupation: RETIRED - SR DIRECTOR Business: GRAINGER

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: JDDEFIORE76 @ AOL.COM

Are you currently serving or have you served on any City board or committee? If so, please list and give approximate dates.

CURRENTLY SERVING ON PLANNING COMMISSION  
(over)



Education/Credentials: Bachelor Degree - Automated  
MANUFACTURING Technology - IIT Technical Institute

Professional activities that relate to this board/committee: SERVED ON GRAINGER'S  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SHANGHAI SOURCING DIVISION.  
ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD - GRAINGER'S  
INDIA SOURCING DIVISION.

Community activities that relate to this board/committee: LEAD THE COMPANY (GRAINGER)  
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM IN SHANGHAI CHINA TO PLANT  
TREES ALONG THE SHANGHAI RIVER. ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS  
WERE GEARED TOWARD GIVING BACK TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

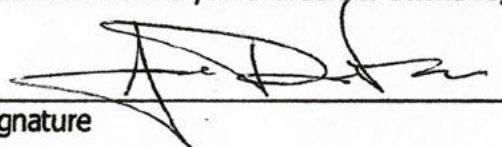
Why are you interested in serving on this board/committee? I SPENT 33 YEARS WORKING  
TO ENSURE I WAS ABLE TO RETIRE IN THIS COMMUNITY. MY  
PASSION FOR THE WELLBEING AND LONGEVITY OF THIS COMMUNITY  
COULD BENEFIT FROM MY EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP.

What talents or experience would you bring to the board/committee? 33+ YEARS WITH  
GRAINGER PROVIDED EXTENSIVE LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH A  
VARIETY OF CULTURAL AND DIVERSE INTERACTIONS TO  
SOLVE PROBLEMS AND EXPAND GRAINGER'S BUSINESS GLOBALLY.

Any other comments or information you wish to provide to the Mayor and City Commissioners?  
I AM GRATEFUL TO THIS COMMUNITY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES  
IT PRESENTS. GROWING UP IN GLADSTONE AND RETURNING TO  
MY HOMETOWN HAS BEEN EXTREMELY INSPIRING FOR BOTH MY WIFE & I.

Are you involved in any personal, professional or business pursuit that would affect your ability to make fair and impartial recommendations as a member of a City advisory board or committee? Yes ☐ No ☒

**Appointed members are expected to attend all meetings of the board/committee. A member who misses more than 3 consecutive meetings or 1/3 of all meetings will tender their resignation to the board/committee chair.** Are you aware of the meeting schedule and are you available to attend regularly scheduled meetings? Yes ☒ No ☐

Signature 

Date 3-19-2024

I certify that there are no misrepresentations, omissions or falsifications on this application and by signing this application I give consent to the City to conduct a background check to verify the information I have provided.

Please return this form with any attachments to:  
kberry@gladstonemi.org; fax to: 906-428-3122; or mail to: City Clerk's  
Office, Gladstone City Hall, Gladstone, MI 49837.  
**Thank you for your interest in serving as a volunteer board or committee member. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.**