

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 24, 2007
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Collison.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Members Present: Baumgardner, Carlson, Collison, Cooper, Daniels, Frost, & Seaman
 - B. Members Absent: None
 - C. Staff Present: Baderschneider, Bundy & Way
 - D. Guests Present: None
 - E. Public Attendance: 10 CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES.**
 - A. There were no changes made to the agenda.
 - B. Motion by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Cooper to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 20, 2007. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Parks:** Mr. Baderschneider reported that seasonal staff has been hired; annual orientation held Saturday 4/21/07. Lower fields at Pickens look good after last year's washout. Receiving good reviews for work done at Pickens. Indian Pines property back on the drawing board with DNR. Looking at options for maintaining property. Mt. Pleasant Public Schools has taken over maintenance for property at Potter Park. Staff working with school on a long-term plan. No decision has been made regarding playground equipment. There is a tree down over the river near the restoration north of Michigan. Staff looking at ways to remove. Comm. Seaman questioned the Indian Pines property acquisition. A question and answer session followed.

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- B. **Recreation:** Mr. Bundy reported on the following programs: PEAK Summer program enrollment has begun. PEAK Summer has been getting more special needs requests. Evaluation is done by staff to determine if participant requires an aide. Reminder of the PEAK Golf outing will be Friday, May 18th. Planning has begun for the PEAK/Niibing Community Service Day held July 24th. After-school PEAK participants recently attended a CMU baseball game on Friday, April 20th. Recreation Intern Kelly Ramanko is on board, as is Intern Rodney Church who is handling adult softball and sand volleyball. T-Ball practices are under way with the first game Saturday, May 5th. Spring soccer teams being formed, games also begin May 5th. Coaches provided by Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club. Adult softball registration slow. Great Egg Scramble held Saturday, March 31st with approx 3,000 participants. Several community sponsors also participated. Department hosted first annual "Earth Day" on Saturday, April 21st with approx. 240 participants. Events ended with a community tree planting at Island Park. Start Smart t-ball starts today. Staff approached by Riverwood Bowling to do a youth/parent bowling tournament. Staff Nate Lockwood spoke with high school regarding winter ski trips. There is an interest and will consider partnering with department. Comm. Frost asked if there was a need for program aides for individuals with special needs in the PEAK Program as it would be great experience for recreation students. Mr. Bundy replied that most of these students already have an aide in place.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Park Naming Policy:** Staff Carol Moody working with a CMU group. They are putting together a policy to present to the commission.
- B. **CMU Affiliation Agreement:** Discussed a new agreement between CMU and the City regarding the recreation internship offered. This agreement will be going to the City Comm. for approval.
- C. **Little League Agreement & Coke:** The City will be entering into an agreement with Coca-Cola to supply scoreboards at Pickens Fields. Little League is entering into agreement with Coke to exclusively sell their products.
- D. **Young Teens Network:** This is a new group affiliated with CMU. Staff Carol Moody representing the City Parks & Recreation Department. Their main goal is to establish a teen center; also planning a kickball league.
- E. **DNR Trust Fund Grant:** Grant has been submitted. Will hear results sometime in October. Access Recreation grant being submitted Friday.

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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