

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, December 4, 2007
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Chair Cooper.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Members Present: Baumgardner, Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, Frost, & Seaman
 - B. Members Absent: None
 - C. Staff Present: Baderschneider, Bundy & Way
 - D. Guests Present: Mark Sroufe
 - E. Public Attendance: CMU Journalism Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES.**
 - A. There were no changes to the agenda.
 - B. Motion by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 16, 2007. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - A. CRC History & Update: Mr. Bundy reviewed with the Comm. the information in their packets regarding CRC history.
 - B. Central Sports & Recreation Center: Mr. Mark Sroufe gave an update on the financial backing of the Isabella Community Sportsplex facility, which is scheduled to open in September 2008. The investors include private lenders, Morey Foundation and local banks (as needed). Their goal is to pay for the building in 8-10 years and then the ownership of building will transfer to the CRC. The facility includes 8 courts (2 of which are multi-purpose), fitness center, walking track, 462 parking spaces and is connected to the I.C.E. Arena. Citizens will be able to purchase memberships and there will also be daily drop-in rates. Management wants to work with Parks & Recreation to run the best programs in the state. A question and answer session followed this presentation.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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- A. **Parks:** Mr. Baderschneider reported that staff has been working on park cleanup, turf base and re-roofing of warming house at Island Park.
- B. **Recreation:** Mr. Bundy reported on the following programs:
- PEAK – Mr. Bundy gave a PowerPoint presentation on resident vs. non-resident participation numbers.
 - PEAK “Lights On After School” event and fundraiser was held Thursday, October 18th at Spinning Wheels.
 - CMU RPL 420 class held two fundraisers to benefit the PEAK program.
 - Girls on Track 5k run will be held this Saturday, December 8th at the IAC.
 - Corn Maze – This year’s 5-day 2-night event brought in approx. 1000 attendees. Staff plans on tripling the size of the Maze next year and adding “haunted” nights.
 - Ski Trip Update – The commission was given an update on a potential ski trip package to Caberfae including transportation. The price of a school bus is \$450, plus lift ticket and ski rental. The number of participants will determine the final cost. Also discussed potential liability.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Commission By-Laws: Commissioners reviewed the proposed by-laws and made several small changes in wording.

A motion was made by Comm. Baumgardner, second by Comm. Frost to adopt the by-laws as amended by the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Commission to take affect immediately. **Motion Carried.**

- B. Park Zoning District:

A motion was made by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Baumgardner to approve minutes from joint meeting held with Planning Commission November 1, 2008. **Motion Carried.**

Commission reviewed draft zoning map and discussed changes/additions. (Add Riverside Cemetery and school portion of Horizon Park, change black lines outlining parks to yellow for easier identification). Commissioners discussed appointing three members and a chair to a joint committee with the Planning Comm. to further study the park zoning issue. The Parks & Recreation Commission feels that by adopting the by-laws which address the Planning Commission’s concerns regarding Public Input on Park

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Development (see special rule #1) that a joint committee was no longer necessary.

A motion was made by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Daniels to send a letter to the Planning Commission addressing their concerns regarding public input on park development along with a copy of the adopted Parks & Recreation Commission By-Laws. **Motion Carried.**

- C. Credit Card Fees & Charges: Staff has recently received approval by the City's Finance Division to move forward with accepting credit/debit cards, and staff has selected Fifth Third Bank as its credit card service provider. Based on staff's calculations, it is estimated that 25% of total transactions in 2008 will be processed by credit/debit cards for an approximate cost of \$3,000, which will be absorbed into their existing 2008 budget. Staff will then evaluate its effectiveness for our bi-annual fee evaluation scheduled for the 2009 budget year, when we will also be proposing to provide on-line registration via credit/debit cards.

A motion was made by Comm. Baumgardner, second by Comm. Seaman in support of accepting credit/debit cards as payment for recreation and park related fees. **Motion Carried.**

- D. 2% Disbursements: Mr. Bundy reviewed 2% disbursements and the PEAK Program's allocations to date.
- E. 2008 Proposed Meeting Schedule:

A motion was made by Comm. Seaman, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the 2008 meeting schedule as presented. **Motion Carried.**

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

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