

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Baumgardner.
- 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:
 - E. Public Attendance: 3
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES**
 - A. Mr. Bundy added item C. to Old and New Business to Set Public Hearing Feb. 27, 2007 for DNR Grant Proposal and Access Recreation Grant Proposal.
 - B. Motion by Comm. Seaman, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 28, 2006. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS & REAPPOINTMENTS**
 - A. **Reappointments:** Comm. Cooper and Comm. Daniels have both accepted three-year term reappointments until 1/31/2010.
 - B. **Nominations:** Motion by Comm. Frost to nominate Comm. Collison chair, second by Comm. Cooper, and motion by Comm. Baumgardner, second by Comm. Collison to nominate Comm. Cooper as vice-chair.
 - C. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:** Commissioners voted, and Comm. Collison will serve as Chair, and Comm. Cooper will serve as Vice-chair for the year 2007. **Motion Carried.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CMU journalism student Jessica Holman will be covering the Comm. meetings for the next four months.

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VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. **Parks:** Had a follow-up discussion on acquisition of old railroad grade property that was discussed at November Comm. meeting. Discussions have been put on hold until deal with city hall formalized. Staff is looking for direction from commission to solidify policy on naming of park. A motion was made by Comm. Seaman, second by Comm. Carlson to discuss naming of a park. Staff is looking for general policy regarding pavilions, trees, benches, etc. Mr. Bundy asked Comm. Frost if a CMU student may be interested in a research project regarding this policy. There was a move to close discussion on park naming. A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Cooper to authorize department to research policy on park naming and amenities, and DNR research. **Motion Carried.**
In other park news, staff has put down new floor sealant in restrooms and is taking time for goal setting and seasonal planning.
- B. **Recreation:** Bowling program has begun at Riverwood with 90 participants. Daddy-Daughter Date Night registration is up to 850, with Sunday session closed. K-4 basketball program up to 220, and hockey skating introduction classes are in session. Summer Program Registration night is set for Monday, February 26th from 5-7 p.m. at Finch Fieldhouse. Staff Eric VanHevel, working with the Mt. Pleasant Convention and Visitors Bureau has won the rights to hold the Junior Olympic State Softball Tournament the weekend of June 29-30-July1. 60-70 youth teams will hold games at Island Park, Pickens and CMU fields. Staff is planning an Earth Day event at Island Park on Saturday, April 21st with a goal to make this an annual event. PEAK received a Community Foundation grant to hold a Junior Achievement Program. Plans are in the works for the 5th annual PEAK Golf Outing on Friday, May 18th. PEAK staff participated in an autism workshop.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Approval of 2007 Meeting Dates:** Motion by Comm. Baumgardner, second by Comm. Cooper to approve the 2007 meeting schedule.
Motion Carried.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Tuesday, January 23, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, February 27, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street

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Tuesday, March 27, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, April 24, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, May 22, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, June 26, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, July 24, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
August–No Scheduled Meeting			
Tuesday, September 25, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, October 23, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
Tuesday, November 27, 2007	7:00 p.m.	City Hall	401 N. Main Street
December–No Scheduled Meeting			

- B. **2% Requests due Feb. 22nd:** Possible requests include a portable stage for Recreation Department. There will be no PEAK request this go around. Parks to request funds for replacement of Oak Street Bridge and Island Parks South Drive.
- C. **Set Public Hearing Feb. 27, 2007 DNR Grant Proposal and Access Recreation Grant Proposal:** Motion by Comm. Seaman, second by Comm. Carlson to set public information hearing February 27, 2007.
Motion Carried.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Baumgardner questioned where the city was at with the Borden Building. Mr. Baderschneider gave the commission an update on the project.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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