

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-Chair Cooper.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Members Present: Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, Frost, & Seaman
 - B. Members Absent: Baumgardner, Collison
 - C. Staff Present: Baderschneider, Bundy & Way
 - D. Guests Present: None
 - E. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES.**
 - A. There were no changes to the agenda.
 - B. Motion by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 22, 2007. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Parks:** Mr. Baderschneider reported that events for June and July, SummerFest, J.O. Softball Tournament and Next Door Girls Youth Softball Tournament all went well. Staff creating a 6' dirt barrier between the Fisher property and Chipp-a-Waters Park to help enhance aesthetics of park. MDOT grant for wetland around Watson has been scaled down. There have been two separate vandalism incidents at the Iraqi Freedom Memorial at Island Park. The police are handling these incidents.
 - B. **Recreation:** Mr. Bundy reported that the Access Recreation grant offered by The Kellogg Foundation was received for the "Access Adventure Trail" at Chipp-a-Waters Park. The Community Foundation is putting together and "endowment board". Comm. Frost and Daniels stated their interest in serving on this board. Permit applications from the DEQ need to be submitted soon for this project. The Junior Olympic Girls

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Youth Softball tournament was held June 29th – July 1st with 85 teams involved. The economic impact of this tournament on the local economy was estimated at \$1.8 million. Park staff helped out tremendously with this tournament. Staff will make a bid for tournament again next year. Adult softball added a new Monday “short season”, a 5-week double header league, for a total of 52 adult softball teams. Special Recreation Services has been working with Listening Ear and ARC, which held their annual picnic in June. SRS staff planning a Harley ride in August and an airbrush tattoo artist. Start Smart Golf registered 30 child/parent pairs. Recreation staff helping out with Main Street Live and Sidewalk Sales. Carol Moody teaching CPR/First Aid, AED training to city staff. PEAK has 481 students for the summer.

Mr. Bundy gave a presentation and handout on the PEAK After-school program with a desire to reduce reliance on 2% funds and the impact of a \$12,000 increase in salaries due to the minimum wage hike. Staff is recommending a fee increase to take effect this fall. A motion was made by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Seaman to approve PEAK fee increase. **Motion Carried.** Staff looking closely at an increase in next year's summer rates. Today is PEAK's Community Services Day at Island Park. PEAK students, along with students from the Tribe's Niibing program collected can goods to be donated to the Red Cross Food Pantry and the Soup Kitchen, followed by a picnic and games.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. CRC Update: Mr. Bundy gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the CRC and brought the Commission up-to-date on the proposed construction of a new recreation facility to be built near the I.C.E. Arena.
- B. Park Zoning District: Staff asked for this item to be tabled until further notice. Motion by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Seaman to table Park Zoning District. **Motion Carried.**
- C. October Meeting Change: The City Manager's office asked to use the Commission Chambers during the October 23rd meeting. The Commission voted to change the October meeting date to Tuesday, October 16th.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Borden Building Update: Mr. Baderschneider gave a slideshow and a brief update on the Borden project.

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- B. Indian Pines: Comm. Seaman questioned the progress on the decision regarding the Indian Pines property. Mr. Baderschneider gave an update to the Commissioners.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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