

**Approved Minutes**  
**Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, April 22, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Cooper.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members Present: Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, Frost , C. Roberts, R. Roberts
  - B. Members Absent: Seaman
  - C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Baderschneider, Bundy, Moody, Way
  - D. Guests: None
  - E. Public Attendance: 12 CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.
  - B. Approval of Minutes – Meeting held Tuesday, March 25, 2008 – Motion by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Frost to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 25, 2008. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Mr. Baderschneider reported on the following: Some seasonal staff on board, working on opening facilities and getting equipment in order. Comm. Daniels questioned what date bathrooms were routinely opened? Pickens and Horizon April 15<sup>th</sup> (to accommodate tee-ball and soccer) and May 1<sup>st</sup> for other facilities. Comm. C. Roberts asked when Rangers start? Public Safety oversees these positions. There will be one park police officer (currently onboard) and 2 rangers this year. Comm. Daniels commented on the farmer's market. Staff looking at complete new setup and will present at May meeting.
  - B. Recreation – Staff Carol Moody reported on the following: Attended Autism Resource Fair to share resources with the public. Also attended Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) where teen panel gathered input to program successful teen events. There will be a Guitar Hero contest at Summerfest this year for teens. Teen panel also responsible for decisions on Youth Comm. Foundation Grants. Also attended Festival of Banners meeting with Vision 2020

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(along with DDA and ArtReach), and NMPRA (Northern Michigan Parks & Recreation Assoc.) "Walk Mt. Pleasant" will be participating in "Walk Michigan" this season, and also working with DDA to include "Mission Street Munch on the Move." Earth Day event this Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Island Park. Event includes information on free tree planting program and a story with Dora the Explorer.

Mr. Bundy reported on the following:

- PEAK Summer – Currently accepting registrations. Comm. Daniels asked how many kids come from out-of-district. Approx 25-30%. Program limited to Isabella County residents; however, if out-of-county residents wish to participate they may register their children at the Rosebush site and pay an additional fee.
- Other current recreation programs include tee-ball, spring soccer (up 40 participants this season) and adult softball.

Comm. R. Roberts asked how the CMU Reading Clinic works. This program is run by CMU (taught by grad students). We take registrations and keep a portion of funds.

#### VI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Background Check Policy – This policy sets parameters and establishes disqualifiers for volunteers. With the volunteer's permission, an annual background check is run and kept on file by the department. An appeal process has been established for volunteers who have infractions. Partners (i.e. hockey, bowling) must have as strong or stronger a policy to meet our standards. This policy includes children and adult programming. Discussed adjustment of wording as suggested by commissioners.

#### VII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

#### VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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