

**Approved Minutes**  
**Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, February 26, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m., City Hall**

**I. CALL TO ORDER 7:03 pm**

**II. ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

- A. Commission Members: Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, C. Roberts, R. Roberts
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Baderschneider, Bundy & Rec Intern Romanko
- C. Guests: None
- D. Public Attendance: 2 RPL students

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda  
Add PEAK Fee increase under old and new business item C.  
Approval of agenda as amended Motioned by Carlson, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Roberts  
**Motion Carried.**
- B. Approval of Minutes – Meeting held Tuesday, December 4, 2007  
Motion for approval by Daniels, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Roberts  
**Motion Carried.**

**IV. ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS & REAPPOINTMENTS**

- A. Chair Cooper along with attending commissioners welcomed new members Bob Roberts & Christine Roberts.
- B. Nominations- Nominations were opened by Chair Cooper for Parks and Recreation Commission officer positions (Chair and Vice-Chair). Two nominations were received as follows:  
Frost nominated for Vice-Chair by Cooper  
Cooper nominated for Commission Chair by Carlson  
No more nominations were offered. Chair Cooper closed nominations.
- C. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair  
The Commission voted with Cooper unanimously re-elected as Chairperson and Frost unanimously elected as Vice-Chairperson.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks - Mr. Baderschneider on the following:  
Staff has been busy with snow removal and keeping the trails open. The sledding hill was becoming icy so staff put up additional signage. Staff attended Great Lakes Park Training Institute; classes included synthetic turf, parks lawsuits, sustainable design, digital photography and outsourcing. Traffic Enhancement-Grant Project with MDOT through Mill Pond Park will be wheelchair accessible and also allows for better drainage under the bridge on M-20. Cooper asked why the lights were left on in the Borden Building- this is because they are used for security. C. Roberts had a concern regarding full trash bins at Island Park near canoe landing - this will be taken care of as soon as possible.
- B. Recreation - Mr. Bundy reported on the following:
- PEAK Update
    - Conducted Organizational Development (OD) training with PEAK staff to help increase team productivity and cooperation.
    - PEAK administrative team worked with HR to develop a specific job description for special needs Program Assistant. We anticipate hiring 8-10 people to work in this capacity for the summer program.
    - Isabella County Emergency Operations Center provided emergency radios and training for the PEAK sites in an effort to communicate emergency information such as a lock down situation and how to secure the sites.
    - PEAK is pairing up with the PT department and CMU to study how children participate in recreational activities.
    - The CMU RPL department is going to offer RPL 204 (Activity Leadership) to CMU students during PEAK to assist in providing activities to PEAK participants after school.
    - PEAK summer program locations are still under consideration due to the construction at the schools.
  - Daddy Daughter Date Night - 1006 total participants from 4 event times, next year is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and staff is planning to do something to celebrate the milestone.
  - Learn to play hockey- 51 participants and is a very successful program
  - Bowling has 35 participants and children are improving their skills
  - Earth Day is coming up at the end of April
  - New background check policy is being revised
  - Program Registration Night was held in Finch Field House - MC Sports donated \$500 to help offset costs and each program that had a booth was asked to donate \$25.

## VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Map Modifications

Commissioners received a copy of the new Zoning Map as amended to include park and other public facility boundaries and identification of parks with a park logo and the name of the park. No additional action is required by the Parks and Recreation Commission on park zoning.

B. May Meeting Date Change

Consensus was reached to move the May meeting from May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day on May 26 and the City commission meeting moved to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Staff will send out reminder of date change with agenda and meeting materials and publicize the date change according to the open meetings act.

C. PEAK Fees Increase

Mr. Bundy overviewed many aspects of the PEAK Program with the underlying goal of being self sustaining. In an effort to work towards this, staff is looking at a fee increase in the fall of 2008. Staff reviewed with the commission various levels of fee increases to generate revenue moving toward sustainability. The Commission supported a motion to increase fees for fall 2008. If the Tribal 2% is not given, the fees will have to increase by 40% in January 2009.

- Fee increases will be posted to notify parents of fee changes.
- Scholarships will still be available at a reduced rate.

Motion made by Carlson for a 20% fee increase for the fall of 2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Roberts. **Motion Carried.**

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

New commissioners gave additional background and history about themselves.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned 7:47 p.m.