

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Cooper.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- A. Commission Members Present: Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, Frost, R. Roberts
 - B. Members Absent: C. Roberts, Seaman
 - C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Baderschneider, Bundy, Way
 - D. Guests: None
 - E. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
- IV. A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Comm. R. Roberts, second by Comm. Frost to add Spray Park under old and new business. **Motion Carried.**
- B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. R. Roberts to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 20, 2008. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Parks – Mr. Baderschneider reported that staff has been busy, working with Summerfest and several softball tournaments. Staff is now moving on to project list, including storm damage clean-up and tree trimming. A decision was made to temporarily move full time staff (who worked Thurs. – Mon.) to Mon. – Fri., which allows our two full-time staff to work together in order to increase productivity. They will also be “on call” during the weekends. Mr. Baderschneider gave the Commission an update on the Borden project.
- Comm. Carlson asked if the Oak Street Bridge will still be a pedestrian bridge when replaced. Senior Management has asked staff to look into the historical value of the present bridge. The current plan calls for the placement of a new bridge that can be used by pedestrians and also function as an emergency exit for vehicles from Island Park. The Oak Street Bridge

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replacement and Island Park Drive South projects have been moved to 2009

for completion. Discussion was held on construction of a sidewalk from the Oak Street Bridge to the Island Park South Restroom.

Chair Cooper asked if there have been any comments regarding the changes at the farmers market. Mr. Bundy replied that there have been a few customers who have physical challenges getting their purchases to their car, and we have given them the option of driving around to the west side of the market to make it easier for them.

B. Recreation – Mr. Bundy reported on the following:

- PEAK-nic held June 4th at Finch, celebrating the end of the school year.
- Community Service Day held today at Island Park. Members from the Niibing Summer program and the PEAK program collected food to donate to various organizations and then held a picnic at Island Park.
- Summer PEAK has 430 participants, and all will be going to the Lansing Water Park on Friday, July 25th.
- Maintenance and re-painting has been completed on the skate park in preparation for Skate War II, which will be held July 25-26-27.
- Girls Junior Olympic Softball Tournament was held on July 3-4-5 with 74 teams participating. The economic impact on the community was \$1.9 million.
- Summer soccer is up and running with 86 participants.
- Tennis lessons had 66 participants for session 1, and 61 for session 2.
- Staff is also working on organizing Start Smart flag football, Corn Maze event, and helping out with activities at Main Street Live.

VI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Access Recreation – Mr. Bundy reported that the trail has been cut on the northwest side of the river at Chipp-a-Waters Park. CMU has approved temporary easement (20') through Veits Woods property to clear for that portion of the trail. Staff working with CMU to secure funds to hire a naturalist. This graduate student position would be responsible for setting up programs for citizens and school age children.
- B. Spray Ground – The City Comm. is interested in funding a Spray Ground, with money set aside in the 2010 capital improvement budget. Staff is

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asking Commission for input as to where to locate such a facility, how big, ages to serve, etc. Further discussion will be held at September 23rd meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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