

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 20, 2008
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Cooper.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members Present: Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, C. Roberts, R. Roberts, Seaman
 - B. Members Absent: Frost
 - C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Baderschneider, Bundy, Van Hevel, Way
 - D. Guests: None
 - E. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – There were no changes to the agenda.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. R. Roberts, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 22, 2008. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Mr. Baderschneider reported on the following: All seasonal staff on board. First priority is getting cemetery ready for Memorial Day. Rangers are on duty, working 7 days a week 3:30 – 11:30 p.m.

Comm. Carlson very concerned about safety at Island Park. Staff is working with Public Safety on various options to increase park security as well as working together during the 2009 budget process to possibly fund some of the options.
 - B. Recreation – Staff Eric Van Hevel reported on the following:
 - T-Ball program up and running with 18 teams and 270 kids.
 - Tennis Fun Day was held 5/10 at Island Park with 40 attendees.
 - Adult Softball has 62 teams – field usage is at capacity.
 - Adult Sand Volleyball has 33 teams and playing 5 nights a week.

All interested persons may attend and participate. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate may call the Human Resources Office at 989-779-5313. Persons requiring speech or hearing assistance may contact the City through the Michigan Relay Center at 1-800-649-3777. A 48-hour advance notice is necessary for accommodation.

- Girls Junior Olympic Softball Tournament scheduled for 4th of July weekend.

Mr. Bundy reported on the following:

- PEAK Golf outing held 5/16 with 14 teams and 55 golfers.
- Girls on the Run held their 5k race on 5/17 with approx. 600 runners.
- The PEAK program received three grants from the Community Foundation, including \$1500 for the summer Reading Clinic, \$1,305 for transportation, \$855 to benefit the Super Summer Showcase and \$1,110 for Girls on the Run.
- Staff moving forward with plans to re-paint the skate park.
- PEAK program partnering with Character Counts for summer program.
- Gave Commissioners status report on Access Recreation Trail Project.

VI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2008 Farmers Market – Market Coordinator Eric Van Hevel gave an update on proposed changes at the Thursday Island Park market. These changes include closing the road to traffic near the Merchant’s Building, increasing the flow of traffic to the softball parking lot. Stalls will then become available in the asphalt area, creating additional space. Several wagons will be available for patron’s use. Additional advertising and marketing planned for both Thursday and Saturday markets.

VII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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