

**Approved Minutes**  
**Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, October 28, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Frost.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members Present: Carlson, Daniels, Frost, C. Roberts, R. Roberts, Seaman
  - B. Members Absent: None
  - C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Way, Weaver
  - D. Guests: None
  - E. Public Attendance: One CMU journalism student
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – There were no changes made to the agenda.
  - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. R. Roberts, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 23, 2008. **Motion Carried.**
  - C. Welcome Anthony Moreno to the Parks & Recreation Commission. He will be serving out the remainder of Sherry Cooper’s term, which ends 1/31/2010.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Chris Bundy introduced Matt Weaver, B & G II for the Parks Dept. Mr. Weaver reported that staff is in fall mode, including cemetery clean-up, winterizing restrooms and equipment. Continuing with plan to paint restroom floors (Mill Pond completed). Staff installed a new slide at Island Park Slideland. Planned for Nelson Park is a 4,000 lb. “climbing rock”. The deer check station opened at Chipp-a-Waters Park today.  
  
Chris Bundy reported that the M-20/MDOT trail project is complete, providing universal access to this portion of the trail as well as allowing MDOT access to the M-20 drainage project within the Mill Pond Park.
  - B. Recreation – Mr. Bundy reported on the following:

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- Youth Activities
  - Fall youth soccer is complete, with the last game held on 10/26.
  - Start Smart soccer has also wrapped up. 93% of participants surveyed rate the class "above average".
  - Staff offering youth Volleyball (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade) at the new Morey Courts with 75 participants, as well as youth dodgeball.
  - Learn to skate hockey beginning next week with 42 participants.
- Morey Courts – Open house for this new facility is this Saturday, 10/25.
- Corn Maze – This is event has two more days of haunting on 10/29 & 10/30.
- Teen Council – Staff is currently recruiting volunteers to serve on this council. One of the activities volunteers will be involved with is programming activities at the Teen Room in Morey Courts.
- Dickens Christmas and Santa Brunch – These two activities will be joining forces this holiday season with a brunch and children activities on Saturday, Dec.
- Access Recreation – Recent activities include a MPHS football game tailgate party and a costume dance.
- Due to the move of city hall, the Mother Son Olympics has been moved from 11/8 to 11/22 (at Morey Courts).

Comm. R. Roberts asked if we are partnering with Morey Courts on programming. Mr. Bundy replied that we are renting space for our programs, with a mutual agreement to provide opportunities for the citizens.

## VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Spray Park – After further discussion including infrastructure, restrooms and parking, a motion was made by Comm. R. Roberts, second by Comm. Daniels to recommend to the City Commission the following two parks (in no particular order) as potential sites for the proposed Spray Park: Horizon Park and Chipp-a-Waters Park. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- B. Access Recreation Project – Chris Bundy reported the trail has been cut through the southeast side of the river, with easements in place from CMU and neighbors. Soil borings for the bridge abutments have been completed. DEQ permits will take 90 days, during which time staff will be putting together proposal for engineering (to be bid this winter).

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- C. Master Plan – Staff working on timeline for tasks and confirming dates for public hearings at upcoming city and planning commission meetings. Next step is to identify all completed projects within the current master plan.
- D. Fees & Charges – Staff will be bringing to this Commission in November fees and charges recommendations for years 2009-2010.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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