

**Approved Minutes**  
**Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Tuesday, September 23, 2008**  
**7:00 p.m., City Hall**

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:02 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: Baderschneider, Bundy, Way

D. Guests: None

E. Public Attendance: None

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

IV. A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Comm. R. Roberts, second by Comm. Carlson to move 2% Requests under Section VI. to Item A. **Motion Carried.**

B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. C. Roberts to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 22, 2008. **Motion Carried.**

C. Resignation of Chair Sherry Cooper – Motion by Comm. R. Roberts, second by Comm. Daniels to accept resignation of Chair Cooper. **Motion Carried.**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no public comments.

V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Parks – Mr. Baderschneider reported on the progress of the MDOT project at High and Watson. Staff is working on sealing restroom floors, turf maintenance including aeration, and re-roof of maintenance facility at Island Park. City Hall move to Borden Building has been temporarily postponed. Work has begun on Broadway Streetscape Project, including landscaping, lighting and pavers.

Comm. Seaman asked about cameras at Mission Creek. Police are monitoring the area, and other ideas are being developed. Local soccer team is holding practice at the park.

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Comm. Daniels has a concern with tubers on the river. Staff met with tubing companies for open discussions and rules review. Staff is also developing a vendor license and fee for use next season.

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

- Access Recreation project – the trail has been cleared on the north side. Easement has been received from CMU to access the south side of the river and CMU is currently working with neighbors to find best available route.
- Morey Courts - Facility scheduled to open early October. P & R programming will include youth dodgeball, volleyball, home school sports, floor hockey, and indoor soccer and golf lessons.
- Teen Update – Staff has been working with Chippewa River District Library to establish a Parks & Recreation teen council. The council will be looking to establish a meeting schedule, explore event ideas and develop a teen council application with job descriptions, name, logo and t-shirt design. Staff has also been involved with the Young Teens Network assisting them in establishing teen programs. Planned teen activities this fall include a bonfire at the Corn Maze.
- Youth Programs – Soccer started 9/21 at Sunnyside Park with 386 participants. Start Smart Soccer has 42 child/parent pairs. Our new Start Smart program, Flag Football, had 17 child/parent pairs. The bowling league started 9/20 at Riverwood.
- The Corn Maze will be held again this year at Papa’s Pumpkin Patch from 10/13 – 10/30. There are separate activities planned for trick-or-treating, a teen night and two nights of haunting inside the maze.
- PEAK – Summer PEAK included 428 participants. Afterschool PEAK is up and running with 225 students. The West PEAK Site Coordinator, Scott Leppert, took a full-time teaching position at Beal City leaving a vacancy. This was filled by the Pullen Coordinator, Tyler Foraker, and his position was filled by Lead program Assistant @ Pullen Ashleigh Streeter. PEAK is partnering with Lori Stoudt’s Recreation Leadership class to program enrichment activities. Lights On! event to be held 10/16 at Spinning Wheels. This national program is designed to promote afterschool programs.

Comm. Daniels commented on that the Skate War held at Island Park looked to be a fun event with a good crowd.

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**VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2% Requests – Mr. Bundy gave Commissioners a handout listing all requests, along with the full Spray Park request.
- B. Spray Park – The Commission began the task of identifying locations for the Spray Park based on the size and site amenities needed to adequately support such a facility. Items discussed included restroom access, parking availability, utility access and overall size requirements as well as anticipated volume of use. After discussion of various sites, two locations were selected for further investigation: Horizon Park & Chipp-a-Waters Park. Staff will look at the feasibility of both sites and report back to the Parks & Recreation Comm. next month.
- C. Master Plan Update – Commissioners were asked to review current master plan and begin thinking about updates. Staff will have timeline available at next month's meeting. Report is due to DNR in April 2009.

Comm. Daniels asked if bike paths outside the park areas were a responsibility of Parks or Street Dept. Mr. Baderschneider stated that this was a city-wide focus.

Comm. Frost asked what staff envisions for public input during the master plan process. Mr. Bundy replied it would include public hearings at the Parks & Recreation Comm., Planning Comm., and City Comm. Meetings.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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