

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, June 23, 2009
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members Present: Alsager, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, R. Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – No changes were made and the agenda was approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 27, 2009.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Chris Bundy reported on the following:
 - Mr. Bundy gave a recap of the Chipp-a-Waters cell tower issue from the City Comm. meeting of the previous evening (6/22). Chair Roberts, who attended the meeting as a representative from the Parks & Recreation Comm., also gave an update from the meeting. Questions from the Comm. included:
 - What if the Planning Comm. refuses to re-zone the property? (The City Comm. can veto or override vote).
 - How much revenue could the potential tower generate? (There is a potential of \$50,000 after five years).
 - Is there another optional site for the tower? (Private Land)
 - Summerfest starts this week at Island Park.

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- Discussed the garlic mustard infestation, particularly at Mill Pond and Chipp-a-Waters Parks. Staff testing a spot with chemical to see if effective; another option is to pull weeds.
- The Parks Director position has been posted. This position previously included building responsibilities which have now been moved to the building official. New responsibilities include maintenance of downtown and city public properties. City is looking to interview applicants the last week of July.
- The City Comm. approved the River Access License and fees as presented.
- Staff working on landscape and mowing of City Hall and will be installing new bike racks and benches.

B. Recreation – Chris Bundy reported on the following programs:

- Summer PEAK begins Monday, June 29th at Mary McGuire, Vowles and MPHS.
- The Summer Day Camp being held at Morey Courts recently received some Morning Sun front page coverage.
- PEAK CPR/First aid training held today; Summer PEAK staff training to be held Friday, 6/26.
- Youth Community Services Day to be held in conjunction with Tribal Niibing Program Tuesday, July 21st. Teams collect food from the community to benefit the Soup Kitchen and Red Cross Food Bank.
- PEAK involved in a community event on 7/25 at Celebration Cinema with C.A.F.E. and WCFX to promote summer activities.
- Staff has been approached by SHA to present a proposal to run their afterschool program.
- PEAK Director Nate Lockwood is a member of the census committee and will be helping to promote census awareness.
- There is a slight decline in youth program enrollment; however, adult softball participation has increased. Staff working on promoting teen programming for the summer.

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VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Video Cameras at Island Park War Memorials – At last month’s meeting, a discussion was held regarding the use of video cameras for park security purposes, including target areas such as the Vets Memorials, vending machines and other areas where potential illegal activities occur. The Ellsworth family has requested that reward funds be used for surveillance cameras at the War Memorials. Representing the Parks & Recreation staff, Nate Lockwood has been working with police and Water Dept. to come up with a proposal for cameras.

A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. Alsager, for staff to move forward with cameras to monitor War Memorials, purchased with reward funds, to be controlled and monitored by City Staff. Additional cameras purchased shall be placed in areas with a demonstrated or identified need, with signs posted stating “Area under Surveillance”. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. Summer Projects Update

- DEQ permit has been received for Island Park projects (south drive improvements, tennis courts and spray park). The City Comm. has approved the purchase of star shade. Spray park elements are on order; approx. 3 weeks to start date. Tree trimming in process at sites.
- The City Comm. has approved bridge purchase from Continental Bridge Co. for Access to Recreation Trail Project. Bridge is 8’ wide and includes Plexiglas panels for wheelchair access viewing. Bid cost includes installation of bridge with delivery date approx. 2-3 months.

- C. Parks Tour – Mr. Bundy suggested, as a kick off to the master plan process, at next month’s meeting the Comm. will go on a tour of the parks. Meeting moved to 6:00 p.m.; meet in the City Hall Commission Chambers.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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