

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 24, 2009
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order by acting chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, C. Roberts, R. Roberts, Sych
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Moody, VanHevel, Way, Weaver
 - 1) Introduction of Brett Ireland, new temporary Park Supervisor
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: 1
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Add Oak Street Bridge under old and new Business Item D.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Meeting held Tuesday, February 24, 2009 – A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. Moreno to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 24, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**
 - A. Nominations - Nominations were opened by Comm. R. Roberts for Parks and Recreation Commission officer positions (Chair and Vice-Chair). Comm. C. Roberts nominated Comm. R. Roberts for chair, and nominated Comm. Daniels for vice-chair. There were no other nominations. Comm. R. Roberts closed nominations.
 - B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – The Commission voted unanimously to elect Comm. R. Roberts as chair and Comm. Daniels as vice-chair for 2009.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Matt Weaver reported that he and Craig Brune were working with temporary Park Supervisor Brett Ireland in getting him up to speed on

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park procedures. Seasonal staff orientation will be held 4/18. There are 8-9 returning employees. Early spring projects include cemetery and park clean-up and opening restrooms for the season. *Be My Neighbor Day* will be held April 4th. CMU service groups will help stain Timbertown.

B. Recreation – Eric VanHevel reported on the following programs:

- PEAK Summer Program sites have been finalized and program brochure is at the printer. Distribution slated for week after spring break.
- PEAK Golf outing will be at Riverwood Resort on May 15th.
- Princess & Super Hero party held at Morey Courts on 3/6.
- The third session of Learn-to-play hockey has 41 participants.
- Spring Break camp being held at Morey Courts beginning 3/25.
- Staff has been working with Young Teen Network. Teen activities include bowling at the SAC and open gym at Morey Courts.
- A very successful youth basketball program ended Sunday, 3/22. Registrations are now being accepted for spring tee-ball and soccer.
- Tennis lessons will be at the high school this summer due to reconstruction of courts at Island Park.
- Staff received training for new online registration program and is working to launch by April 15th.
- Recreation staff will be helping plan activities for downtown street festival this summer.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Spray Park Status Update – Mr. Bundy reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendations regarding the locations for the spray park were presented to the City Commission along with additional design information. After review and deliberation regarding design and location variables, the City Comm selected the Island Park West for the preferred location for the spray park. After analysis and research of other spray parks, it was determined that it is more cost effective to use a pass through system vs. a recirculation system which requires chemicals and a certified pool professional for operation. Staff will be bidding the project as "design to build" with an expected completion date of

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September 2009. Project is to be a small to medium size spray park with site amenities including fencing, bike racks, benches and picnic space.

- B. Cell Tower Update – Mr. Bundy discussed the memo addressed to City Manager outlining the concerns of the Parks & Recreation Comm. regarding the proposed cell tower at Chipp-a-Waters Park. Comm. R. Roberts asked that this memo also be shared with Planning Comm. outlining the following concerns:
- Setting a precedent for future use of public parks
 - Park Stewardship concerns
 - Park Aesthetics
 - Public Input Needs
- C. Chipp-a-Waters Easement – The City Comm. granted the requested easement but rain has stalled the job. Time has been extended until end of April for work to be done; however, may be postponed due to weather concerns. Interested parties will have to re-submit easement request if unable to complete work during proposed timeframe.
- D. Oak Street Bridge – Mr. Bundy gave an overview on history of the bridge. Replacement bridge was in master plan for 2007 and in capital plan for 2008 but postponed until 2009 (as an emergency entrance/exit for large activities in the park). After further investigation prompted by the City Commission, the bridge is being further evaluated as to its historical significance. The City Comm. is looking at different options for the bridge while keeping its historical value. The Parks & Recreation Commission offered the following recommendations:
- Replace or restructure bridge that is pedestrian safe
 - Vehicular usage: Emergency exit or special event exit (up to a maximum of 12' wide)
 - One way traffic only

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no other comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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