

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, May 27, 2009  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order by Chair R. Roberts at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Carlson, Daniels, C. Roberts, R. Roberts, Sych
  - 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. Sych, second by Comm. C. Roberts to approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 28, 2009.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Chris Bundy reported on the following:
    - Seasonal staff has been hired and are in place.
    - Staff received a demonstration of a Mobile Graffiti Wagon which uses pumice and a biodegradable chemical to remove graffiti (includes generator, power washer, and water heater).
    - Grant submitted to Community Foundation for Phase II of Pickens Field concessions building and grounds improvements.
    - Playscape Maintenance – staff looking at options to replace a portion of the Poured in Place rubber which has deteriorated.
    - Access Recreation Trail Project – Bridge quote received; staff to meet with Kellogg Foundation to review status of project.

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- Iraqi Freedom Memorial – Prosecutor is asking for a victim impact statement. Staff working with Public Safety, Ellsworth family and VFW to coordinate. Also working with police as how to best utilize donated money from the reward fund.
- B. Recreation – Chris Bundy reported on the following programs:
- Tennis Fun Day was held at the High School tennis courts in partnership with Midland Tennis Center.
  - Adult softball has started with a total of 65 teams. Field usage is at its maximum.
  - Sand volleyball team numbers are down and staff has been working on recruiting teams. New poles, nets and edging are in place.
  - WebTrac – Online registration coming soon, staff working on firewall issue with I.T. Credit cards are being taken at front desk.
  - Teen Programs – Staff planning several summer teen activities, as well as a fall kickoff with the Young Teen Network.
  - Carol Moody presented to area daycare providers, sharing themes, games, resources, craft and snack ideas.
  - Start Smart Tee-ball has started with 59 participants.
  - Walk Mt. Pleasant and MMI joined forces for an event at Mill Pond Park with 156 participants.
  - Summer PEAK registrations coming in as parents make plans for their summer daycare.
  - PEAK Golf Outing raised \$1,700.
  - *PEAK of a Run* to be held October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This 5k fundraiser being planned to benefit PEAK sustainability.

## VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Spray Park – Commission was shown slides of the overall plan including structures. Miracle of Michigan is offering to include in the package a star canopy for an additional \$4,000 (retail price is \$16,500). This star shade is made of materials that are guaranteed for 15 years. After discussion, the Commission was in agreement it would be an appropriate addition to the Spray Park and to seek approval from the City Comm. on the issue.
- B. Oak Street Bridge – DPW has asked the City Comm. to approve \$11,000 for an engineering firm to give prices on replacement of bridge and repair

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of existing bridge. The Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendations have been passed along to the City Comm. (a pedestrian safe bridge wide enough for light vehicular traffic).

- C. Security in Parks – Director Bundy reported on the vandalism of the Iraqi Memorial and introduced discussion regarding the use of video cameras for park security. Suggestions have been made by Vets groups that donated funds may be available for the City to purchase and install video recording devices at the Vietnam and Iraqi memorials for security purposes. Director Bundy wanted to get the input from the Parks & Recreation Commission on the use of video cameras for this purpose and other park security purposes. The Parks & Recreation Commission was in favor of using video in the parks for specific areas or for reasons based on specific concerns in those areas (i.e. Vets Memorial, vending machines and other areas where potential illegal activities occur).
- D. Commercial River Access License – Mr. Bundy gave an update on the license process and explained the fee structure. Staff to request approval of policy and fees at the City Comm. meeting 6/22/09.

#### VII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Cell Tower Update – A public hearing was held at the Planning Commission meeting May 7<sup>th</sup> regarding the re-zoning of Chipp-a-Waters for the cell tower. After discussion, the Planning Comm. rejected the re-zoning request. There will be another public hearing at the City Commission meeting on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> regarding the proposed cell tower site. Chair R. Roberts will attend this public hearing to represent the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Master Plan – Parks Supervisor Brett Ireland is working on timeline and plans to set three public hearings at upcoming Commission meetings as part of the master plan process.

#### VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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