

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members Present: Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, C. Roberts, R. Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: 3 CMU Journalism students
- 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. C. Roberts, second by Comm. Moreno to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 29, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSION UPDATE**

There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - Access Recreation Project – For cost saving measures, the trail has been shortened on both sides of the river. The bridge has been delivered and is scheduled to be installed the 2nd week of December, with paving of the trail to be done in the spring. There was some vandalism on the contractor's equipment over Halloween.
 - Vandalism at Island Park – perpetrators spray painted electrical building for tennis courts and skate park.
 - Staff gearing up for snow removal.
 - Four employees from the Michigan Works Youth Employment Program working for parks until funds are depleted.

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- Spray Park has been winterized and a box built to protect gauges.
- B. Recreation – Chris Bundy reported on the following:
- PEAK
 - Received \$325,000 from the SCIT 2% disbursements.
 - Lights On! Afterschool event has been re-scheduled for December 11th at Spinning Wheels.
 - Recreation
 - Youth volleyball and dodgeball are in their second season at Morey Courts. Both programs have seen an increase in participation.
 - Received the bid to host the J.O. girls youth softball tournament in Mt. Pleasant for 2010 and 2011. Also received the bid in 2011 to host the ASA national 16-A girls youth softball qualifier.
 - The corn maze at Papa's Pumpkin Patch was a rather soggy and cold event. Six out of nine of the planned events were cancelled due to inclement weather.
 - The Timbitz hockey program has 31 participants this session.
 - Mom & Son Crime, Investigation & Suspense Dinner Theater was held 11/21/09 at Italian Oven and was a successful event.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recreation Director Hiring Process – 70 applications were received for the position. Five candidates were chosen for interviews to be held 12/3/09.
- B. Master Plan – Mr. Bundy met with Dr. Al Ellard, RPL Prof. at CMU to discuss proposal to complete master plan. Proposed plan includes stakeholders meetings, employee input, parks tour, create a blog for public input and the required public meetings at upcoming Parks & Recreation, Planning and City Commission meetings.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Daniels asked about the status of the Mt. Pleasant Center.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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