

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, September 29, 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, 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. Moreno, second by Comm. Sych to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 28, 2009.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMISSION UPDATE**

There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Director of Parks & Public Spaces Chris Bundy reported on the following:
    - Matt Weaver's (Parks & Grounds) last day was Sept. 11; he accepted a supervisory position with the City of Midland Parks, leaving a parks position available, which is currently posted.
    - Little League work at Pickens Field – adding drainage and widening sidewalk on west side of the concession stand with the use of Parks Partnership fund and Community Foundation Grant.
    - Tennis courts – bids came in higher than expected; additional funds were approved by City Comm. Central Asphalt to pave courts this fall with spring work to include painting, fencing & nets.

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- Yost Field – Staff partnered with local church group and Pony league to work on facility; work performed includes new roof on dugout and restrooms, painting of restrooms, and field work. Parks Partnership funds used for project.
- Access Adventure Trail Project – bids for trail work came in higher than expected. Staff working with engineers, low bidder and Kellogg Foundation on cost saving measures.
- Spray Park – Closing for the season 9/29; staff to drain valves and blow out system as part of winterizing.
- Seasonal work – staff working on winterizing restrooms and equipment, mowing & leaf mulching, and cemetery clean-up.

Chair Roberts asked about the timeline for the Access Adventure Trail. Mr. Bundy replied that staff would like to award the bid as soon as City Commission approves. 2009 work would include trail clearing and bridge abutments. Paving may need to be completed in the spring.

B. Recreation – Chris Bundy reported on the following:

- Comm. Services Director Rich Morrison has named Human Resources Generalist Susanne Gandy as interim Director of Recreation. She will handle administrative duties for the department (approx. 10 hrs/week). Timeline for replacement of this position will be approx. 3 months.
- PEAK
  - Seeing a decrease in after-school attendance, particularly in scholarship students.
  - PEAK of a Run to be held 10/3/09 at Island Park.
  - Lights on After School to be held at Spinning Wheels 10/22/09.
- Recreation
  - Received bid for 2010 MASA Girls Youth Softball Tournament to be held in July.
  - Also received bid for 2011 ASA Northern National 16-A Girls Softball Tournament to be held in August.
  - Number of adult summer softball teams was at an all time high at 65 teams.

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- Fall soccer deadline was extended due to school starting later and low registration. Total enrollment down by approx. 40.
- Corn Maze at Papa's Pumpkin Patch starts 10/17. Events include traditional corn maze, teen night and trick or treat night.
- Start Smart Soccer running with approx. 16% decrease in enrollment.
- Staff partnering with Morey Courts to host after-school teen events.
- Youth bowling program running at Riverwood – numbers down.

**VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Cell Tower Update – Mr. Bundy met with Metro PCS and Water Dept. earlier today at the Chipp-a-Waters site. Metro PCS is willing to work with city on aesthetics (trees, plantings). Company is looking to put tower in yet this year.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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