

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, January 26, 2010  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, R. Roberts, Sych
  - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, VanHevel, Way,
  - C. Guests: None
  - D. Public Attendance: 2 CMU students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – No changes made and the agenda was approved as presented.
  - B. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 24, 2009.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**
  - A. Nominations - Nominations were opened by Comm. Carlson for Parks and Recreation Commission officer positions (Chair and Vice-Chair). Comm. Carlson nominated Comm. R. Roberts for chair, and Comm. Moreno nominated Comm. Daniels for vice-chair. Nominations were closed by R. Roberts.
  - 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 2010.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following items:
    - Public Spaces Responsibilities – Updated Commission on Parks responsibilities including aesthetics of public spaces. Spaces include downtown area (turf and flowers) and Main, Broadway and Mission

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Street corridors. City currently maintains contract for care of these areas; staff will be reviewing contracts and may take over some of the responsibilities if feasible.

- Cameras in Parks – Purchased three cameras placed at Island Park near War Memorials. One of the cameras pans the area and two are stationary. Received donations of \$1,000 of VFW, American Legion and Forgotten Eagles; additional funds coming from Ellsworth Family, Police Dept. and Park Partnership fund. Park staff will install signage informing the public that they are being recorded.
- Emerald Ash Borer – Staff has been treating trees in parks for the last five years and will continue to do so for viable trees. Will target trees in distress, remove and re-plant.
- Cell Tower – Drilling has commenced for pole base; spring work includes plantings and berm.
- Upcoming Projects – Net/fences for tennis courts at Island Park and resurface road and parking lot at Chipp-a-Waters Park to include curb and gutter.
- Cultural & Recreation Commission (CRC) – Al Kaufmann elected as Chair; City position on board still vacant.

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

- Youth basketball coaches meeting held this evening for 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade; numbers are down about 15%.
- Summer program registration night is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. at Finch Fieldhouse.
- PEAK has taken 20 new student registrations this month. PEAK is partnering with a CMU class to provide tutoring help. Also, working with 3 CMU Public Relations Interns.
- Daddy Daughter Date Night being held at Comfort Inn 1/31, 2/1 & 2/2.
- Added a new Start Smart Tennis class at Morey Courts starting 2/11.
- Other programs currently running are winter daycamps, youth bowling and Timbits hockey.

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- Upcoming teen events include a Valentine's Day flick, snow tubing at Snow Snake, and a flashlight egg hunt at Island Park.

## VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Master Plan – The Department is in the process of updating its 5-year master plan, through 2015. A stakeholder's meeting was held on Tuesday, 1/19/10 which included area key members of the Mt. Pleasant community, seeking their input in this process. A second public meeting was held Thursday, 1/21/10 that gave city residents an opportunity to express their opinions and have input in the future of the city's parks and recreation programs and facilities. The Commission set a public hearing at their next meeting (2/23) for residents to give their input on the draft master plan.
- B. Access Recreation Trail Project – Bridge over the Chippewa River was set in December; spring work includes installation of tempered glass panels, trail paving, signage, benches, picnic tables and safety railing. Comm. Daniels gave an update on the grand opening ceremonies to be held 6/26/10.

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no other comments.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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