

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 25, 2010
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, C. Roberts, R. Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Gandy, Moody & Way
 - C. Guests:
 - D. Public Attendance: Mr. Bob Frost, CMU-RPL Chair
- 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, April 27, 2010.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Bob Frost, 2009 Mackenzie: Mr. Frost stated his concerns over budget cuts in Recreation. Were these cuts run past the Parks & Recreation Comm., and what was the philosophy behind the cuts? He is particularly passionate about the Access Recreation program as we, being advocates, have an obligation to provide programming to special needs citizens. He also stated that since the City was recently a recipient of a sizeable grant from the Kellogg Foundation for the Access Recreation Trail project, he would hate to see us lose what we've built on over the years.

Mr. Bundy addressed the Commission. Budget cuts were suggested by staff and Senior Management. The City Manager must present a balanced budget to the City Commission. He encourages Commission to attend town meeting to give input.

Chair Roberts asked if Senior Management came to the Dept. for suggestions. Interim Director Gandy addressed the Comm. Yes, staff then evaluated programs using several criteria, including participation, staffing, cost, and making a determination if the activity can be offered elsewhere in the Community. The

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first round of reductions included programs subsidized by the general fund (teen, Access Recreation, part-time Rec. assistant). Chair Roberts stated looking at the cuts, potentially most programs suggested can be offered elsewhere, except for Access Recreation. Comm. Daniels asked how staff arrived at \$90,000 and why did the number change? Staff Gandy stated the cuts went from \$36,000 - \$90,000 because of state share revenue reductions.

Staff Carol Moody addressed the Comm., speaking specifically of the Access Recreation Program. She has been looking into who else can offer these programs, potential partners to be able to point participants in the right direction. Based on past numbers, our programs have seen a steady decline. Comm. C. Roberts asked how much is allocated to the Access Rec. program. (\$16,000) Staff Moody stated some recent cost cutting measures, such as eliminating the DJ at dances and using the PEAK owned sound equipment. Staff could perhaps continue to offer dances in a "break even mode".

Comm. Moreno asked about cutting summer soccer and the golf program. How do we keep children active in the summer? Staff Moody said that golf lessons are offered at local courses at a higher cost to participants.

V. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Carol Moody produced and presented the 2009 Parks & Recreation annual report.

VI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following items:

- Spray Park opened May 22nd.
- Proposed bids on tennis court fencing and net post installation accepted by City Comm.
- Rangers now on duty full-time; restrooms being locked nightly.
- Concrete work and annual beautification completed at Vets Memorial.
- Staff working at cemetery, getting it ready for Memorial Day.
- Gave Comm. an update on the stabbing incident at Island Park on Saturday, May 22nd.

B. Recreation – Staff Carol Moody reported on the following:

- Participated in an event with Isabella Conservation District targeting all 3rd graders in Isabella County held at Mill Pond Park. This well organized and hands on event was put together by Parks seasonal Mike LeValley, who also works for the Conservation

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- District. Booths included The Discovery Museum (beekeeper) and The Recycling Center.
- Morey Court Daycamps – This will be the second year for the camps; CMU, Morey and SHA are not running their summer day camps this year so we expect more participation. Camps run two weeks before and four weeks after PEAK Summer Program.

Interim Director Gandy reported on the following:

- First games for spring soccer and tee ball were cancelled due to poor weather; season now under way.
- Softball season has started with 62 teams (same as last year).
- PEAK Summer enrollment in full swing with approx. 100 enrollees.
- PEAK-nic (after school PEAK wrap-up) will be held June 9th at Finch Fieldhouse.
- GOTR 5K run held 5/15 with beautiful weather and approx. 750 runners.
- Working with Division Director Rich Morrison on Recreation Director Position. Looking to replace director with a supervisor position.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Code of Ethics Comments – Mr. Bundy asked the Comm. if they had any questions, with a reminder to get comments in to Comm. Ling or Kilmer by requested date.
- B. Access Recreation Trail – The trail has been paved, contractor to do grading/seeding. Staff responsible for installation of benches and picnic tables. Carol Moody working with Foundation on postcard invite for trail grand opening (Saturday, June 26th at Chipp-a-Waters Park).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Town Hall Meeting Reminder – Meeting to be held Tuesday, June 1st, 6:30 pm. in the Comm. Chambers. City Manager's presentation to City Comm. is posted on the website and through a link on the city website as well as Channel 96.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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