

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm. by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members: Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, C. Roberts, R. Roberts
  - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Moody
  - C. Guests: None
  - D. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda –A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. C. Daniels to approve the Tuesday, October 26, 2010 agenda with the addition to discuss the Park Adopt A Bench Program during VI. A. with the Park Facility Naming Policy. **MOTION CARRIED.**
  - B. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. C. Roberts to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 28, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comm. Carlson commented on the numbers of accomplishments the Department had this past year and its impressiveness.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following items:
    - Update on Park Projects
      1. Master Plan – completed
      2. Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial – replaced sidewalk, added patio, constructed historical sign that offers accessible viewing, installed video cameras to monitor/record what is happening in the area; controlled via internet – utilized PAN/TILT/ZOOM. Completed with donations from Vet groups and Park Partnership Funds.

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3. Access Recreation Trail – Grand Opening held June 26, 2010
4. Island Park Tennis Courts – completed
5. Nelson Park Trail Improvements – added flowerbed which encourages participants to utilize path instead of cutting through. Comm. Daniels shared the improvement allows easier maneuverability when riding a bike through the turn. Worked with DPW to install new approaches, crosswalk signs, ADA plates for the Nelson/Mill Pond Pedestrian Crossing. Replaced Nelson/Island railroad crossing signage; utilizing new posts to detour signage theft.
6. Sunnyside Park – universally accessible sidewalks to playground/swing sets, installed ADA plates at parking lot
7. Island Park – universally accessible sidewalk from restrooms to Spray Park
8. Oak Street Bridge Remodel – completed (Public Works)
9. Heated Mobil Pressure Washer – purchased; 200 gallon tank, address graffiti, transported on its own trailer – during the goal process it was identified that Waste Water Department had a similar goal of purchasing pressure washer; Waste Water contributed to the purchase and will share the washer.
10. Ash Tree Removal – 125 trees targeted for Park/Tree Reclamation – removal, treatment, replacement. Budget annually for program. Equipment to treat Ash Trees shared with Public Works.

➤ Current Projects

1. Island Park Ball Diamond Fence Replacement – Fence depth was decreased and height increased to allow for more open space. Existing fence was reused to add fencing at lower Pickens.
2. Chipp-A-Waters – installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk connecting to existing trail. Trail can be accessed when the gates are closed. Additional accessible parking spaces added.

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1. 2010 Amended Budget
2. Equipment Replacement – ATV Quad with V-plow
3. Spray Park Repair – Vortex replaced controller (warranty)
4. Community Service Workers assisting with leaves
5. Survey – CMU group will prepare and implement survey to gather information for future Dog Park. Additional information gathering will occur closer to 2012.
6. Discussion regarding Vet's Bridge; Director Bundy indicated the bridge was originally installed by the Veterans. Decking needs replacement via capital plan.
7. Playscape Replacement – looking to replace in 2013

B. Recreation – Rec. Manager Anthony reported on the following:

- Soccer will end October 31. 367 participants making up 34 teams. 2009 had 26 teams.
- Farmer's Market ends Thursday, October 28; resumes in June 2011. Comm. Daniels expressed the Farmer's Market running smoothly.
- Youth Volleyball practice begins for 3-6<sup>th</sup> grade participants this week. There are 10 teams this year which is up 2 teams from 2009.
- The Corn Maze ends this weekend. 778 participants have attended over the previous 2 weeks. Weather has been cooperative and we have not had to cancel.
- PEAK has 267 participants enrolled. Participants are able to register as a 2, 3, 4 or 5 day/week participant. Beginning this week tutoring will be held at the High School & Oasis. Class scheduling at Oasis allows for tutoring in the a.m. too. An increased enrollment is generally seen after parent/teacher conferences and first marking period grades.
- Lights On Afterschool! Was held at Spinning Wheels Arena last Thursday. All sites were in attendance; approximately 200 participants.
- PEAK summer survey results will be available and shared at the November meeting.
- Day Camps licensing for Morey Courts is not yet completed. Initial fire bureau inspection has returned asking for additional

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information. Day Camp will be held at Ganiard Elementary School on November 2.

- Hockey begins on November 2. 24 are registered which is on target for past fall registration numbers.
- Start Smart™ Basketball begins on November 4. To date 19 are registered. 2009 saw 26 register, on track too.
- Coordinator Moody shared progress on Photography Request for Proposals. The document was completed and mailed out to 45 area photography businesses. Business were found online and the phonebook. 7 business submitted proposals. The next step is to compare the proposals and make a recommendation for awarding the contract.
- Coordinator Moody participated in a webinar focusing on sustainability of recreation programs and services. Highlights included pricing, evaluation, and marketing.
- The Department has been focusing on Fees and Charges, Amended Budget and Cost Recovery. Recreation has been charged will reducing the 2011 budget by \$90,000.

## VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Facility Naming Policy – A motion was made by Comm. C. Roberts, second by Comm. Carlson for staff to establish an Adopt-A-Bench program with standard procedures and guidelines for the installation, care and maintenance of donated benches within Mt. Pleasant City Park Facilities with the completed policy and corresponding documents to be recommended to the City Commission for approval and implementation.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. C. Roberts to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

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