

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, September 28, 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, Morrison & Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Remove VII. A – Park Facility Naming Policy, and add III. C – Accept resignation of Comm. Chris Sych.
 - B. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. C. Roberts to approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 22, 2010.
MOTION CARRIED.
 - C. Resignation of Comm. Chris Sych – Mr. Sych has moved out of the City and has submitted his resignation. A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. C. Roberts to accept the resignation of Comm. Sych. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF RECREATION MANAGER**
- Community Services Director Rich Morrison thanked Interim Director Susanne Gandy for her services to the Recreation Dept. during the last year. He then introduced Riaan Anthony, Recreation Manager/Programmer, who started with the department on Monday, Sept. 27th.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- None
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following items:
 - Chipp-a-Waters renovations – Malley Construction won the bid for the sidewalks and parking renovations, proceeding with the work

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on October 4th. The project should be completed (weather permitting) in 3-4 weeks.

- Access Recreation Trail – signage has been installed with the history of the project.
- Emerald Ash borer – staff has been cutting down affected trees in Island and Nelson Parks, and will treat affected trees and replant in the spring.
- Staff beginning work on winterization of restrooms and Nelson and City Hall ponds.
- The spray park officially closes Oct. 1st. Vortex (the manufacturer) is scheduled to repair one feature of the park.

Chair Roberts asked about the potential state land acquisition. Mr. Morrison answered that the decision will be up to City Comm. Most of the buildings are contaminated and the cost of demolition could cost approx. \$3 million.

Comm. Moreno asked about status of the McNamara/Williams trust dollars received. Mr. Bundy stated that the Parks & Recreation Commission's recommendation on funds going to the playscape will be forwarded to the City Comm. for consideration.

B. Recreation – Interim Director Susanne Gandy reported on the following:

- Staff Carol Moody attended Bright Starts and Head Start roundup.
- Licensing of daycamps at Morey Courts – The fire inspector for this area felt he was not qualified inspecting this site (for daycare) because there is no separation between the first and second floors (smoke containment), even though there are sprinklers in the building. Therefore, an inspector from the State of Michigan has been requested. This request was submitted August 11th and as of today the request has not been granted.
- *Destination Dash* – because the daycamps could not be held at Morey Courts, staff Carol Moody redesigned the program so that parents had an option for daycare. *Destination Dash* offered daily field trips, meeting every morning at Island Park. Some of the trips included the Lansing Aquatic Center, Crossroads Village and Genesee Belle Boat Ride, and Coopersville & Marne Railroad Excursion.

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- Partnering with Dream Key Design Academy to offer sewing and knitting camps.
- Youth bowling lessons and leagues have started at Riverwood.
- Recreation seasonal staff will be assisting with Mardi Gras celebration.
- Fall soccer is underway with 367 participants and 34 teams. Student volunteers outnumber parent volunteers three to one.
- Farmer's market at Island Park ends Oct. 28th and the downtown market ends Oct. 16th.
- Corn Maze dates has been established – this is the last year for this event due to budget cuts.
- Softball field fence project – Midland Fence was awarded the project with an expected completion date of October.
- Afterschool PEAK currently has 225 students enrolled in K-8th grades.
- Lights On! Afterschool event to promote the importance of after school programs is scheduled for Oct. 21st at Spinning Wheels. Spinning Wheels is a proud sponsor of the PEAK program and has donated their facility and entrance fees for all PEAK participants.
- PEAK students attended a CMU women's soccer match on Friday Sept. 24th.
- PEAK promoted two employees to Site Coordinator, Bruce Hadd at Pullen and David Wilson at West Intermediate, and we combined the Fancher and McGuire Site Coordinator positions back into one job, and Leah Hutchins was promoted from Fancher Site Coordinator to Fancher/McGuire Site Coordinator.
- PEAK has been selected by the Public Service Residential Community as a finalist for one of three grants that they are issuing through the Pay It Forward program. The total of the three grants is \$4500 (there are grants of \$2500, \$1500, and \$500).
- PEAK conducted a survey of summer participants. The return deadline is 10/17 and we should have the results compiled by the next commission meeting. We are giving a \$5.00 coupon of PEAK payments or registrations for all returned submissions, limit one per family.

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VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Ordinance Update – an information packet was provided to the Commission regarding firearms in city parks and the changes recommended by city attorney. Upon review of the information, there were no comments and the matter will be sent to the City Commission for formal action.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The City will be advertising for a new Parks & Recreation Commissioner. Applications are available on the city website.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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