

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Hofer, 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. Daniels, second by Comm. Alsager to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 25, 2011. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - C. Approval of 2012 Meeting Dates – A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Boyles to approve the 2012 meeting dates of the Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Commission. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - D. Introduction of Recreation Coordinator, Steve Hofer, who started on October 31, replacing Eric VanHevel who left in June.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Updated Comm. on presentation of \$30,000 Passport Grant at the City Comm. meeting 12/12/11.

Chair Roberts asked if we can submit a Passport Grant application every year. Mr. Bundy responded yes, if we have projects that can be funded under their criteria.

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- The \$25,000 earmarked in the 2011 budget for parks signage will be carried forward to next year and added to the \$25,000 in the 2012 budget with plans to design, build & install in 2012.
 - Yost Field – In 2012, funds appropriated to hire a consultant to determine design needs. Input will be requested from Commission and area residents.
 - Staff to purchase a tow behind blower for trail and walkway maintenance to remove debris and light snow. This will hook up to the quad for trail snow and debris removal (fuel savings).
 - Purchased pallet of bulbs from the Re-Store to plant in the parks and public areas for \$100.
- B. Recreation – Rec. Manager Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Youth volleyball at Morey Courts ends 12/21 and dodgeball ends Thursday, 12/15.
 - Daycamps held at Kinney School on 12/1 & 2. With limited space in the cafeteria and gym, pursuing use of an elementary school for these camps to provide more space for age appropriate activities. Camps also planned for the Christmas break.
 - Will be hosting a British Soccer Camp on Aug. 6 – 10th at Sunnyside Park.
 - Partnering with CMU to offer a free adult program “Yoga in the Parks” which will be held in summer 2012.
 - Candy Cane Lane held during Dickens at library.
 - Turkey Shoot out held at Morey Courts on 11/20.
 - Staff Carol Moody held CPR/FA re-certs for PEAK staff.
 - Gearing up for Daddy Daughter Date Night in January.
 - 2011 Recreation Goals
 - 1) Smooth transition to daycamps (from Recreation to PEAK). ACHIEVED
 - 2) Needs Assessment – to carry forward to 2012.
 - 3) Special Events Policy – assisting Public Safety.

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➤ PEAK Program:

- PEAK received \$235,000 from fall 2% funding; will discontinue tutoring at high school in February as MPPS applied for and received their own funding.
- Looking to utilize YSU archery equipment to offer enrichment at PEAK.
- YSU to offer anti-bullying and safety programs at all sites.
- Partnered with CMU to offer art programs.
- All PEAK attendees were treated to roller skating at Spinning Wheels on 11/4 to celebrate Lights On! After School.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recreation Needs Assessment – As of 12/1, there was a 9% return on the survey; looking for a 15% return. Second mailing sent to 10,000 households (press releases, mass emails, radio spots). Consultant looking to present results in January.
- B. Park Naming Policy & Adopt a Bench/Table Program – Mr. Bundy presented the draft policy and procedures for the naming of City Parks and Recreation areas and facilities, as well as the adopt-a-bench/table program to the Commission for feedback and input. A question and answer session followed. Policy will be reviewed by the City attorney for approval/recommendation to the City Commission at the January Parks & Recreation Comm. meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

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