

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 26, 2011
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Daniels, C. Roberts, R. Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: 4 CMU RPL 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. C. Roberts, second by Comm. Alsager to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 23, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**
 - A. Nominations - Nominations were opened by Comm. Daniels for Parks and Recreation Commission officer positions (Chair and Vice-Chair). Comm. Daniels nominated Comm. R. Roberts for chair, and Comm. Roberts nominated Comm. Alsager 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. Alsager as vice-chair for 2011.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave an update of projects for 2011:
 - Finalize Chipp-a-Waters Park project, adding parking lot striping, bike racks and secondary gate.
 - Interpretive signs, maps and brochure for parks and trails.

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- Yost Field site plan to be developed.
Comm. R. Roberts asked about the fields. One is used for Pony/Colt baseball and the other is a softball field that is in rough shape and typically used as a practice field. Potential options for this site will be explored.
- Sport field lighting at Island Park softball fields – these lights have not been replaced since they were installed in the late 90's.
- Home Depot project – employees will provide labor and materials to stain restroom and pavilion at Chipp-a-Waters Park as well as plant trees.
- Four softball tournaments this summer with Parks staff support.
- Summerfest has moved to the weekend of Le Tour de Mont Pleasant. Dates will be Thurs. June 9th – Sun. June 12th.

B. Recreation – Rec. Manager Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:

- Candy Cane Lane, which was held in conjunction with Dickens Christmas, had approx. 100 participants.
- Held winter break camp at Kinney school with low numbers.
- Morey Courts day camp licensing – met with Union Township building officials to gather information on building materials as requested by licensing officials.
- 27th annual Daddy Daughter Date Night to be held Sunday, Jan. 30th, 31st and Feb. 1st.
- Mother-Son snow tubing event to be held at Snow Snake on Saturday, Feb. 5th.
- Youth bowling lessons and leagues under way at Riverwood.
- Second session of Timbits Learn to Play Hockey began Jan. 18th with 40 participants.
- Staff Carol Moody, certified CPR teacher, held a re-cert training session for library staff and daycares.
- Start Smart Tennis still taking registrations for its upcoming sessions beginning in February at Morey Courts.

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- Youth basketball practice starts tonight at the local schools for 3-6th grade boys and girls.
- Program Registration Night for upcoming spring and summer activities to be held at Morey Courts on Feb. 24th from 5-7 pm.
- Received grant from MPACF to purchase bleachers at Island Park.
- PEAK Fundraiser @ La Senorita's on Feb. 7th.
- PEAK currently has two CMU interns; one working on site at Ganiard and one working on flyers and staff books.
- Sites have been secured for summer PEAK (Ganiard, Vowles & High School).
- Needs assessment for Recreation Programs planned for 2011.
- Staff working with Public Safety and Downtown Development to create a special event policy form and calendar.

Comm. Alsager asked if the city requires additional insurance for a 5K run. Yes, and depending on the event, additional insurance may also be required (animals, sporting events).

Comm. R. Roberts asked is Morey Courts charges the city for use of the courts. Yes, Parks & Recreation pays for use of courts.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Vending/Photography Bid – Pepsi to provide vending machines in parks and offer a percentage of sales and free product as part of the contract. The commission received goes into the playscape fund (Island Park). Photography bid was awarded to Fisher Photography in Shepherd for a three-year period. Vendor was chosen using several different criteria.
- B. Recreation Budget Overview – \$90,000 cut from Recreation Budget in 2010, which includes program cuts and a full-time staff reduction. The PEAK Director position has been eliminated, with the Recreation manager taking over administrative duties of PEAK and the Recreation staff to take over some of the day-to-day operations.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Chris Roberts was recognized for her service to the Parks & Recreation Comm. This being her last meeting, she addressed the Commission, saying she found the opportunity a good experience and interesting, cherishes our parks and appreciates the hard work of staff.

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Going forward, she hopes that the City Commission keeps recommendations from the Parks & Recreation Comm. in mind and wishes the City Comm. would value the input from the Parks & Recreation Comm. and keep in perspective when making decisions.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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