

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 24, 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, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, 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. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 26, 2011.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Working with Community Foundation to secure additional funds for Access Recreation Trail. Grant due June 1st; will be awarded mid to late June.
 - Clerk’s office working with DPW to map out and identify Riverside cemetery plots; available online on city’s website. Staff looking to add streets and add signage at cemetery. Also working on clean-up and mowing for upcoming Memorial weekend.
 - Home Depot has postponed volunteer project at Chipp-a-Waters to June 16th due to weather and increase in customers at local store.
 - All fountains and water features up and running.
 - Rangers on duty and working full shifts.

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Comm. Daniels asked about the small bump from pavement to bridge at Access Trail. Abutment work forthcoming.

Comm. and staff discussed recycle bins for Parks. Staff testing out for tournaments and special events this summer.

- B. Recreation – Rec. Manager Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Kevin Troshak will be taking over duties for Carol Moody during her medical leave. Known as Coach Kevin to the Start Smart participants, he has been one of our seasonal employees for the past two years.
 - Currently, Start Smart tee ball has 50 participants.
 - Daycare licensing request at Morey Courts has been denied by the state. Therefore, summer day camps before and after PEAK will be held at Kinney School.
 - Walk Mt. Pleasant started Thursday, May 19th. Comm. Daniels asked if it would be possible to put the schedule for Walk Mt. Pleasant on the main page of the website.
 - On 5/21, seasonal staff assisted with Isabella Environmental Day for all local 3rd graders held at Chipp-a-Waters Park. A total of 446 students participated.
 - Tee ball up and running. No game over Memorial Day weekend; season concludes June 18th.
 - Spring Soccer starting June 4th.
 - 50 adult softball teams playing at CMU I.M. fields.
 - Tennis Fun Day rescheduled for June 4th (rainout).
 - Planning and scheduling for ASA tournaments.
 - PEAK requested additional 2% funding specifically for West PEAK and High School tutoring.
 - Gearing up for 6-week summer camp, being held at Pullen, Vowles, Mary McGuire & West Intermediate.

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VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Recreation Needs Assessment Presentation

Mr. Anthony gave a PowerPoint on data gathering methods as well as pros and cons of keeping the project internal vs. hiring an external consultant. Staff is recommending hiring an external consultant with a project budget of not to exceed \$8,000. Timeline includes consultant in place by September with data to us by December.

B. Battle of the Bands Waiver

A request was made by a citizen group represented by Michael Hackett asking that MPPR to sponsor a battle of the bands for high school bands who wish to perform at Island Park Pavilion on July 22nd starting at 6:00 pm. It was also requested that the pavilion rental fee be waived and for MPPR to provide insurance for the event. There will be no entry fee for the event and will be no charge to public.

MPPR has declined sponsoring the event.

A recommendation was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Daniels to provide a one-time pavilion rental at no charge with the stipulation that liability insurance is provided and all park rules are followed. **Recommendation Carried.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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