

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 25, 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: Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: 2 CMU Students
 - 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. Carlson, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 27, 2011.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Per discussion at the last Comm. meeting, ordered new pick up after your dog signs and new doggie collection receptacles with biodegradable bags for various areas in the parks and downtown.
 - Staff working on winterizing water lines, fountain at Nelson Park and cemetery clean-up.
 - Access to Recreation Trail Project – With additional \$80,000 Kellogg Foundation grant, the trail addition has been paved. Soil to be brought in to taper edges and plant grass. To install an accessible surface mount picnic table on deck. Balance of benches and tables purchased to be installed in spring.

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- Applications being sorted for Community Services Director position; interviews to be conducted in November.
 - The Chippewa Watershed Conservancy received a grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation for signage along the Chippewa River, such as location of landings and being good stewards to the river. Also printed "Discover the Chippewa River" maps, identifying access sites and amenities, including mileage between (available at City Hall).
- B. Recreation – Rec. Manager Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Fall Programs – Start Smart Soccer has ended, and fall youth soccer ends 10/30.
 - Parent coaches will now receive free participation for their child in all recreation programs.
 - Saturday farmer's market has ended; Thurs. market ends 10/27.
 - Youth bowling @ Riverwood off to a slow start.
 - ADM Hockey (formerly "Learn to Skate Hockey") starts tonight, for youth ages 4-8. The "American Development Model" is a format offered by USA Hockey.
 - Upcoming fall programs include dodgeball and volleyball league, and Start Smart basketball.
 - Recreation Dept. partnered with the library to offer "Sky's the Limit" event at the airport with 300+ participants.
 - Other upcoming events for November include the Turkey Shoot Out, Internship Fair and Youth/Adult Bowling Tournament.
 - Recreation Coordinator Steve Hofer will start his new position on October 31st.
 - PEAK Program:
 - Numbers continue to increase at most sites; meeting with principals for ideas to market PEAK and discuss curriculum.
 - Lights On event at Spinning Wheels originally scheduled in Oct. was postponed to Nov. 4th due to transportation issues.

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- Working with CMU Art Dept. to offer enrichment sessions to PEAK afterschool students.
- Staff attended DHS mandated report training, which included how to be more vigilant when identifying child abuse or neglect.

Comm. Boyle asked about the ad space policy and if there was any interest. We have had inquiries but no firm ads yet.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recreation Needs Assessment – Revised timeline in place; first postcard mailed 10/24. Citizens can respond by email or regular mail. Looking for a 20% return. Final report to Commission due January 2012.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The City website is being updated, with a projected live date of November 2011.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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