

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, September 27, 2011
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, 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. Alsager, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 26, 2011.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Trail Maintenance - Staff working on removal of trees and stumps on Riverwalk Trail between Broadway and Mill Pond dams in preparation for 2012 CIP project to include widening of trail from 8' to 10' with added railings for safety and to deter erosion. Passport Grand project results to be announce first week of November.
 - Spray Park has closed for the season. Winter park hours take affect October 15th. Staff busy with winterization of irrigation and restrooms.
 - Riverside Cemetery clean-up for the public is Oct. 1 – 15th.
 - Staff to install a bike rack at Chipp-a-Waters Park.

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- A sidewalk has been added at Island Park which connects the parking area near the South Shelter to the Riverwalk Trail.

Comm. Boyle's commented on the dog poop situation at Sunnyside Park and what could be done to deter citizens from "walking" their dogs on the fields. Mr. Bundy responded that he will order additional "pick up after your dog" signs to remind citizens of their pet responsibilities.

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

- Recreation Coordinator interviews held 9/27-28 (68 applicants). Looking to fill the position by end of October.
- Adult softball and sand volleyball leagues ended successfully with post season tournaments.
- Current programs up and running are fall soccer and bowling. Upcoming events include dodgeball and volleyball leagues, Start Smart basketball and hockey.
- Sponsored National Softball Tournament in August with 55 teams participating. In 2011, three softball tournaments were held; in 2012 staff has committed to one – the MASA State Tournament to be held June 28 – July 1st.
- Afterschool PEAK – 275 participants. Applied for fall 2% funding. With input from principals, the academic portion of PEAK will focus on reading. Also looking to recruit more students, particularly in the 5-6 grades.
- JC Penney Afterschool Roundup happening Oct. 12 – 25th, with local proceeds going to the PEAK afterschool program.
- Light On! Event at Spinning Wheels Oct. 20th. This program highlights the importance of afterschool programs. Spinning Wheels has donated the cost of the building and admission for all PEAK attendees.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Access Recreation Trail Project – An additional \$80,000 grant received from Kellogg Foundation. Funds being used to complete trail loop before the bridge at Chipp-a-Waters, adding 140' deck near wetland, including

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scenic turnouts with benches, and signage with textured elements. Completion expected by mid-October (weather permitting).

Comm. Daniels asked if Chipp-a-Waters Park was open all year. Gates to restroom and pavilion area close after deer check station closes in November; road to trail stays open and is plowed in winter to allow access.

- B. Recreation Needs Assessment – Three quotes received, awarded to Leisure Planning Services. Survey to be mailed or will be offered online (by Thanksgiving). Looking to get a 20% return and will do 2nd mailing if necessary. Presentation to Comm. when results received.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Moreno tendered his resignation from the Parks & Recreation Commission effective immediately.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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