

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Allen, Alsager, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: Several CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Allen, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 27, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Held orientation for 19 park seasonal employees on April 14th.
 - All park restroom facilities due to be fully open May 1st.
 - Spray Park due to open May 25.
 - Nets, scoreboards and park benches are all in place.
 - New grills installed near the pavilions at Island Park.
 - New trash receptacles built to include a side for recycle items.
 - Program support including softball field prep and lining of soccer fields.
 - CMU volunteer group to help paint graffiti under and on bridges.
 - Mill Pond Trail Work: Preliminary engineering complete; sending to DNR for approval. Also applied for another DNR permit for replacement of foot bridge at Mill Pond Park.

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- Certificate of completion sent to DNR for final approval of Access to Recreation project.
- In the next few weeks letters will be sent to the Yost Field neighborhood for stakeholder and interested party input.

Comm. Alsager asked about the orange snow fence installed behind Pickens Field where the access road drops down and merges with the Riverwalk Trail. This was installed to temporarily deter vehicles from driving on the trail.

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

- Staff Carol Moody & Steve Hofer did a WCFX radio promotion spotlighting spring and summer recreation programs.
- Walk Mt. Pleasant to kick off Thursday, May 17th. Also participating with MMI-CMH event, Walk & Roll for Mental Health Awareness, Saturday, May 12th at Island Park West Shelter.
- Joining farmer's market association to help with promotion.
- Partnering with library for teen events.
- Adult softball league has 50 teams enrolled. One league to play at Island Park this year (games are typically played at the I.M. fields).
- 400# of food donated to the food pantry from the Egg Scramble.
- Youth tee ball and spring soccer leagues start May 5th. Coaching clinics offered with good feedback.
- Offering free yoga in the parks on Tues. evenings and Saturday mornings starting June 19th. Partnering with OmBodies & URec.
- Staff planning an adult kickball league for this fall.
- 55 teams registered for MASA state tournament 6/28 – 7/1. All local hotels booked (CMU dorms available). Received City Comm. approval to pay MASA in excess of \$10,000. Put in bid for 2013 MASA tournament.
- Summer Camps planned for all 12 weeks. Recruiting 7-8th grade students for West "Adventure Camp".
- PEAK students attending a CMU Softball game on 4/27 and a baseball game on 5/11.

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- Year-end PEAK-nic planned for Sunnyside Park on June 1st.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing – Bench Adoptions

The public hearing was opened by Chair Roberts for comments regarding bench adoptions for Strickler & Sheperdigian. Since there were not comments, the floor was closed.

A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Alsager to approve the bench adoptions for Strickler & Sheperdigian.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A.** Mr. Anthony informed the Commission of upcoming Downtown events, including movies @ City Hall and Back to the Bricks classic car show.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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