

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:01 by Chair Roberts.
- II. **WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS** – The Comm. welcomed new member Heather Allen.
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Allen, Alsager, Boyle, Daniels, Perschbacher, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: None
- IV. **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. Daniels, second by Comm. Alsager to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 24, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Organizing joint purchase of ball field supplies for the summer (chalk, etc.) with Mt. Pleasant Schools, Union Twp., Shepherd and SCIT to save funds.
 - Beginning seasonal staff hiring process for 2012 (Parks staff & rangers).
 - Staff Craig Brune recently received certifications for CPSI (Certified Playground Safety Inspector) and chemical applicator.
 - Chippewa Watershed Conservancy providing river trail signs on every road crossing (canoe landings, universal accessibility). Looking to install this spring.

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- Designing brochure for table/bench purchasing program for public distribution.
- Isabella County Parks & Rec. updating their master plan; stakeholder meeting Wed. 2/22 at Comm. on Aging. City Parks & Recreation staff attending.
- County website has a map viewer for land parcels; subcommittee to help map Chippewa River, amenities and landings. Will be adding this link to city website; also using this mapping system as a model for our trail/park system.

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

- Daddy Daughter Date Night was held 1/29 (two sessions) and 1/30 (1 session). Numbers up from last year.
- Start Smart Tennis underway at Morey Courts.
- Staff Carol Moody attended the CMU job fair, promoting seasonal positions available in Parks & Recreation. Carol also spoke at a CMU RPL marketing class.
- Program registration night held at Finch Fieldhouse on 2/20. Children were treated to entertainment provided by climbing wall & archery.
- Planning underway for Princess & Superhero Party to be held at Morey Courts on March 11.
- Youth basketball started with approx. 316 participants.
- Offering drama classes @ West PEAK.
- No school for MPPS elementary on March 1 & 2; daycamps to be held at Kinney.
- Spring break camp to be held 4/2 – 4/5 @ Vowles Elementary.
- PEAK Summer Camp planning underway; opening registration March 1st. Will again be offering payment plan. Sites for the summer include Fancher, McGuire & West.
- As one of the PEAK 2012 goals, staff will be investigating use of online registration.

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VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Bridge Naming Request – Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell

A request was made by the Access to Recreation Advisory Board via the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to memorialize the contributions made by Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell at the Access to Recreation Trail in Chipp-a-Waters Park by naming the bridge the *Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell Bridge*. Approval has been given by the family, submitted letters of support and a resolution proposed. After discussion and consideration,

A motion was made by Comm. Perschbacher, second by Comm. Boyle, to fully support the bridge naming request and resolution and move it forward to the City Commission for public comment and final approval.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Boyle asked if the ad for the Dream Key Design Academy in the February Leisure Guide was a paid ad; Mr. Anthony: Yes, this was our first paid ad, proceeds go towards offsetting cost of printing.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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