

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
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: Allen, Alsager, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: Stef Baranic, Recreation Intern
 - D. Public Attendance: 3 CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 21, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR** – Mr. Bill Mrdeza was introduced to the Commission.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Chipp-a-Waters Park hit with graffiti on the Access to Recreation Trail and bridge; staff worked quickly to remove using mobile power washer and cleaners.
 - With warmer weather, staff looking to open second restroom at Island Park and put up sports nets; parks scheduled to fully open May 1st.
 - Proceeding with Riverwalk Trail Project (repaving of trail from Broadway to Mill Pond) with funds received from Passport Grant; working with OHM Engineering. Plans must be approved by the DNR before proceeding. Also replacing small, wooden footbridge near wetlands in Mill Pond Park.

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- OHM Engineering also to help with plans at Yost Field. After stakeholder meetings and site plan complete, will apply for a 2013 Passport Grant for this project.

Chair Roberts asked about the dollar limit on the Passport Grant. As of now, the maximum you can receive is \$30,000.

- Taking delivery on 3/28 of the interpretive signage for the Access to Recreation trail. Designed special posts that allow staff to plow the trail and not interfere with signs.
- Two parks seasonal employees are on board; staff reviewing applications and conducting interviews.
- Given the go ahead to relocate plant life from the Regional Center property to city parks and public spaces.

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

- Mr. Anthony introduced Recreation Intern Stef Baranic.
- Finished youth basketball at Morey Courts. After surveying parents, they are ok with Sunday programming, would like better coaches and more referees. Staff looking to offer coaching/referee clinics before program starts.
- Currently taking enrollments for spring soccer and tee-ball; numbers up from last year this time.
- Staff promoting spring activities on WCFX.
- Spring Break Camp to be held at Vowles Elementary.
- Introducing adult pick-up soccer on Sunday evenings at Sunnyside Park beginning May 13th.
- The 25th annual Great Egg Scramble to be held Saturday, March 31 at Finch Fieldhouse. Teen flashlight egg hunt to be held on Sunday, April 1 at Island Park.
- Staff Carol Moody attended the Farmer's Market Association Conference.
- 47 teams registered for MASA state tournament 6/28 – 7/1; anticipating 100 teams. All local hotels reserved; CMU dorm rooms available for rent and at last check, there were 90 rooms booked.

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- Needs assessment presented to City Comm. on 3/26. Dept. to plan a 3-year marketing plan based on results.
- Received \$2,500 grant from MPACF and \$500 donation from Mt. Pleasant Little League to complete bleacher project at Island Park and Pickens. Optimist Club donated \$1,500 to subsidize cost of youth jerseys.
- PEAK activities include:
 - Gearing up for six-week summer camp; will also be offering pre and post camps at Kinney.
 - Planning staff training for summer to include CPR/FA, special need and CPI, mandatory reporting, teambuilding and classroom management.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation of Annual Report – Staff presented 2011 annual report to Commission.
- B. Chippewa River Water Trail – Demonstrated Isabella County's interactive map website. This will be the format used for the City's interactive map, which will highlight all amenities along the river. Currently there is a link on the park's web page to access the County map. Mr. Bundy also showed a picture of the new signage (Please Use Our Resource Wisely) provided by Chippewa Watershed Conservancy to be installed at all canoe landings along the river. First sign installed at Nelson Park.
- C. Adopt-a-Bench/Table Brochure – Asked Comm. for input on the brochure and contract. Discussed cost and location choice. Comm. Boyle suggested we add wording "upon approval" under location choice.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Discussed presentation of community wide non-motorized transportation plan at the City Comm. meeting on 3/26.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

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