

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 22, 2012
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:02 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: None
- III. **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. Allen, second by Comm. Boyle to approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 24, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Recreation – Rec. Manager Riaan Anthony gave the following update:
 - Walk Mt. Pleasant started May 17th.
 - Farmer’s market in the softball parking lot on 6/7 because of SummerFest.
 - MASA State Tournament teams at 88.
 - Partnered with Isabella Conservation District to offer Environmental Day for all local 3rd graders (500 attendees) @ Chipp-a-Waters.
 - Tee-Ball and Spring soccer underway. Numbers slightly lower for tee-ball and higher for soccer.

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- Adult Softball has started with 54 teams. Other adult programs include golf lessons and drop in soccer. Upcoming programs include sand volleyball and Yoga in the Park.
- End of school year PEAK-nic to be held at Sunnyside Park on 6/5.
- Summer PEAK planning underway; staff in place and training scheduled including first Aid/CPR, CPI (non-violent crisis intervention) special needs, and classroom management.

B. Parks – Parks Director Chris Bundy reported on the following:

- Ribbon Cutting ceremony for trail addition and bridge dedication to Honor Dr. Mary Ellen Brandell to be held June 16th at Chipp-a-Waters Park. Interpretive signage ready for installation.
- Spray Park opening for the season on 5/25.
- Cameras @ Veteran's Memorial – Lightening strike caused damage to PTZ (pan-tilt-zoom) camera; replaced with static camera.

City Comm. has requested assistance for potential cameras in the downtown area. Chris working with P.D.
- Home Depot has adopted Vietnam Vets Memorial site. Will assist with landscaping and painting.
- Cutting ash trees that are the worst in strategic areas within the parks. ☹
- Park staff working with youth on probation from Isabella County Day Treatment program.
- Meeting with architect to get a conceptual of Yost Field.
- Plan sent to DNR requesting permit for Broadway to Mill Pond resurface project.
- Small brush fire at Riverside Cemetery on 5/19. No damage occurred; fire Dept. responded.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park Communication – Mr. Bundy met with community group interested in engaging City and Township for a stake in a dog park. Group looking at various properties; have raised \$11,000 so far. Discussion included long-term maintenance, how each entity could

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contribute and potential locations. Group provided with dog park development video; will discuss further at next meeting.

- B. Cost Recovery Model – This is a model being used by Recreation Departments to establish benefits, goals and cost for new programs. CMU grad students conducted a survey for MPPR, asking various municipalities if they were utilizing this model (many are not). Staff's plan is to break programs into categories, determine percentage of cost recovery and establish fees for commission approval.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Comm. Amy Perschbacher tendered her resignation as of 5/6/2012. City Commission to approve new Commissioner Jim Batcheller on 5/29/12.

Comm. Alsager commented that Morey Courts is offering Boot Camp in "City Parks" and asked if this was sanctioned by the City. Mr. Bundy will look into the matter.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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