

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, September 25, 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: Alsager, Boyle, 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. Alsager, second by Comm. Boyle to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 24, 2012.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATION**
  - A. There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following report:
    - 2% Request – Parks submissions include bike maintenance program (trailers/bikes) and Chippewa Riverbank Protection (working with water quality specialist from the Tribe; asking for matching funds).
    - Seasonal Park Staff being terminated as budget funds running out; major projects left include mulching, winterize restrooms, irrigation shut down. Volunteer helping with flower beds.
  - B. Recreation – Director Anthony reported on the following programs and events:

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- 2% Requests for Recreation include semi-permanent soccer goals, remote lighting @ Island Park and PEAK K-6 & 7-8.
- Red Cross no longer providing equipment for rent for CPR/FA training. Staff looking into writing grant to Comm. Foundation to purchase equipment.
- Staff teamed up with CRDL to offer Teen Lock-in.
- Provided staff for Art Walk arts and crafts night.
- Farmer's Market offering storytelling for children.
- Start Smart – football has ended and now running 3 sections of soccer.
- Mom & Son Event Zip Line Tour 9/29/12 @ Snow Snake in Harrison.
- Youth soccer started 9/23 with 350 children (up 30 from last year).
- Adult softball season ended; surveys show that teams do not like playing at Horizon field because no fencing.
- Adult kickball has 8 teams (running Monday and Friday evenings).
- Adult sand volleyball season ended with good reviews.
- Free Yoga and Zumba in the Park very successful; looking to offer these programs again next year.
- Tennis program numbers down from previous year. Will focus on marketing for next season.
- PEAK:
  - Afterschool up and running; PEAK sites now using RecTrac software to better track payments and attendance.
  - Staff attending Afterschool Collaboration Workshop for ideas on recruiting/behavior/activities.
  - Lights on Afterschool event originally scheduled for Thursday 10/18 moved to 10/19 because of transportation issues.

## VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

### A. Capital Projects Update –

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- Mill Pond Project– Map available on website of trail detour. Dam work will begin first to accommodate heavy equipment once permit is received from DNR. Plans to resurface decks of concrete dam and railing, mill and repave trail and replacement of wooden foot bridge overlooking marshy area (will be completed first).
- Mapping & signage – Comm. Information Director Heather Smith in charge of public relations for the City is working on creating an all-encompassing Parks brochure.
- Island Park Parking addition – Adding parking on west side of parking lot just past south shelter; moving gates and dumpster towards merchant’s building area. Work to be completed by end of October.
- Yost Field – Planning neighborhood meetings input in October.
- Issue with lift station at Island Park (sewage overload). Wastewater has plans to replace pumps and reconfigure operation to become more efficient.

- B. Dog Park Status Update – Dog Park Committee wrote letter to Union Township and City to work together to put project into motion. Twp. agreed to support working with City and committee and agreed to earmark \$7,500 towards conceptual design if City would commit the same. Resolution presented to City Comm on 9/24; Comm. denied 3-2; Motion made in support and passed with no funds committed but supported project to move forward with staff’s assistance. RFP for site plan, study and engineering services to proceed and will be presented to Comm. when received.

Mr. Bundy asked for a member of the Comm. who was willing to sit on the Dog Park Committee; Chair Roberts agreed to do this.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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