

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 22, 2013
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chair Roberts.
- II. **WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONER WYN WINSLOW**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Daniels, Nagler, Roberts, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: Michelle Sponseller, Downtown Development Director
 - D. Public Attendance: Several CMU RPL students
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – No changes. Agenda approved by consensus.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – By consensus, minutes from the November 27, 2012 meeting were approved.
- V. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**
 - A. Nominations - Nominations were opened by Chair Roberts for officer positions (Chair and Vice-Chair). Comm. Nagler nominates Comm. Roberts for chair, second by Comm. Batcheller. Comm. Winslow nominates Comm. Alsager for vice-chair, second by Comm. Batcheller. Nominations were closed by R. Roberts.
 - B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – The Commission voted unanimously to elect Comm. R. Roberts as Chair and Comm. Alsager as vice-chair for 2013.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VII. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DIR. MICHELLE SPONSELLER** – Presentation on proposed craft brew tasting festival in Island Park on June 15, 2013 including an overview of the event and proposed location (Island Park Drive South area). General consensus of the Commission was that it looks like a great event idea.
- VIII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy offered the following report:
 - Staff projects include: shop maintenance, equipment inspection restocking of supplies.
 - Upcoming training sessions include the Great Lakes Parks Training Institute and the Michigan Parks & Recreation Conference. Staff VanLiew will renew his CPSI (Certified Playground Safety Inspection).

- Testing a hands free faucet at Nelson Park restroom. Also doing research on programmable door locks for park restroom doors.
 - Completed removal of all ash trees/stumps from Island and Nelson Parks – new tree plantings in the spring.
 - Staff constructing 12 new trash receptacles.
 - Staff continues to work with the Diversion Program (community service workers).
 - Beginning seasonal staff hiring process by contacting returning workers.
 - GKB Riverwalk Trail maps now available.
 - Contacted by Rotary Club with funds to help with the cost of replacement of foot bridge at Nelson Park – potential 2013 project.
 - Dog Park committee working on creating RFP for design costs.
- B. Recreation – Director Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Partnered with CRDL for event “Under the Big Top” on 1/19/13 (364 attendees).
 - Youth bowling started 1/91 at Riverwood Bowling Center.
 - Concluded a very successful youth volleyball program in December.
 - Staff preparing for upcoming event Daddy Daughter Date Night.
 - We will again offer British soccer camp in August. New this June is an Intro to British Sports.
 - Youth basketball starts Feb. 3 – staff recruiting referees.
 - Adult kickball tournament held at Island Park on 1/26 with 5 teams.
 - MASA State tournament in June will be limited to 130 teams, which was the same number as last year.
 - Event Freakin Freezing Challenge 2/9 starting at Island Park. Challengers to start race in waves.
- PEAK Update:***
- Mid-year training held for all PEAK Staff on 1/21, including mandated reporting and classroom management training.
 - Received approval from MPPS to hold pre and post summer camps at Vowles (pre) and Fancher (post).
 - MPPS coming up with a new safety plan to lock all school doors and institute a check in procedure, which may affect Summer PEAK sites. More information to follow.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Update on 2013 Fees & Charges – Last month the City Comm. approved 2013 fees and charges with the following changes: proposed \$100

increase in PEAK Summer Camp was changed to a \$50 increase for 2013 with a additional \$50 increase for 2014.

B. 2012 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Review – Director Bundy gave an overview of the following:

- Parks Partnership Fund
- Grant Revolving Fund
- Mill Pond Trail Reconstruction and dam repair
- Island Park parking addition
- Electronic mapping and park signage
- Yost Field engineering.

C. 2013 – 2017 CIP Projects:

Projects scheduled in 2013 CIP

- Yost Field update
- Renovation of Roads
- Repair/Replace Island Park small structures (shelters)
- Received 2% funding with required match in the amount of \$60,000 for Riverbank Erosion along the Chippewa River

Projects scheduled in 2014 CIP

- Universal Access @ Island Park
- Cemetery Lot Layout

Projects scheduled in 2015 CIP

- Island Park Playscape

Projects scheduled in 2016 CIP

- Nelson Park Footbridge
- Island Playground Satellite equipment
- Begin dog park process

Projects scheduled in 2017 CIP

- Riverbank Protection Phase II
- Cemetery Lot Layouts and Columbarium
- Island Park restroom improvements

Floor opened for general feedback. Based on input from community members, Comm. Nagler would like to see a walkway along Island Park north and south that connects to the Riverwalk Trail.

Comm. Winslow suggested that the decking at the Chipp-a-Waters canoe launch needs attention.

Commissioners suggested having a work session prior to meeting if large items on the agenda, such as the C.I.P.

- D. Consider Date Change for Feb. 26 Meeting – Conflict with staff MRPA Conference – per general consensus approval to move meeting to Tuesday, February 19.

X. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

At her last meeting because of term limits, the Commission said good-bye to long time member Pat Daniels, who served two terms (6-years). Pat was particularly proud to have been a member of the Access to Recreation Committee during her service. Thank you for your service Pat.

The Comm. would also like to recognize Comm. Charles Carlson, who passed away in January. Chuck was also a member of long standing and will be missed.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.