

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 26, 2013
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: Alsager, Batcheller, Boyle, Nagler, Roberts, Weaver
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: Two CMU students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Add to VI. – Item C. Potter Park
 - B. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Batcheller to approve the minutes of Tuesday, October 22, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - C. Approval of 2014 Meeting Dates – A motion was made by Comm. Boyle, second by Comm. Alsager to approve the 2014 meeting dates of the Mt. Pleasant Parks & Recreation Commission. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported the following:
 - Deer check station at Chipp-a-Waters closed for the season; restroom has been winterized.
 - Smith-Bolle property, located just to the east of Chipp-a-Waters, has signage which has been brought to City's attention; easement was given to property owner to remove diseased ash trees (easement expires in April). Owner to repair any damage caused to city property and trail. City Code Enforcement to have signage removed.

Comm. Nagler asked who is responsible for the river maintenance. City takes care of downed trees and any imminent dangerous situations within the city; DEQ regulates the floodplain.
 - B. Recreation –Director Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
 - Upcoming events and programs include coed kickball tournament in January at Island Park, Candy Cane Lane on 12/7.
 - Held daycamps on 11/15 and 11/22 with good numbers. Planning camps for Jan. 2-3, 2014.

- Dodgeball leagues and lessons ongoing; ends 12/19. Youth volleyball ends 12/15.
- Currently recruiting basketball coaches for league starting in Jan.
- In the planning stages for 2014 MASA tournament; registration opens January 6th.
- 30th Annual Daddy Daughter Date Night to be held in February 2014!
- Partnering with CRDL for winter event "Under the Big Top".
- Participated in International Games Day on at Vets Memorial Library on 11/16 with 200+ participants.
- PEAK 2% - requested \$275,000 for Elementary and \$55,000 for West; received \$125,000 and \$30,000 respectively; plan to make up difference with \$50 increase from approved summer fees and charges; will also need to cut \$10,000 from expenses.
- Overview of 2013 Recreation goals.
- Intern Curt has developed a standard operating procedure manual to be used as a tool for new employees.
- Discussed the new concussion law and its effects on volunteers. Comm. Nagler asked about recreation funding within the City's budget; Director Anthony explained the enterprise fund and the 1/3 budget cut in 2010. There was a concern from Comm. Nagler regarding tuition for recreation programs as this is an impoverished community. Scholarships are available for residents based on free and reduced lunch income guidelines.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Projects Update – 2013 Projects:

- Parks Partnership (\$5,000 earmarked for projects that come up during the year – fund carries over).
 - Mt. Pleasant Baseball Assn. – updates to Yost Field - \$15,000
 - Environmental assessment for Moses property donation @ Pickens Field \$1,900
 - Site plan and analysis of planned Rotary Club Bridge @ Nelson Park \$500
 - Engineering for planned Isabella Bank Gazebo @ Nelson Park - \$500
 - Partner with Union Township for Dog Park design - \$3,500
- Phase 1 Riverbank Protection - \$60,000 matching 2% grant received from Tribe; Engineering complete and DEQ permit in progress.
- Asset Management – collecting data for input by intern Chris Coale.

- Yost Field – mid-December completion date; will order trees in spring.
- Small shelters @ Island Park – shelters removed; replacing in 2014.

2014 Projects:

- Park Partnerships – Horizon Park pavilion/concessions attached to restroom (currently being discussed).
 - Mission Creek Dog Park
 - Nelson Park Gazebo/Walkway
 - Rotary Club Bridge – Nelson Park
 - Horizon Park softball fencing (partnering with Recreation)
 - Riverside Cemetery design & layout (plotting of new sites)
 - Island Park remote lighting – ball park, pavilions (partnering with Rec)
 - Mill Pond weir repair – received 2% Tribal funding of \$60,000 towards this project
 - Master Plan due Fall 2014 as well as ADA transition plan.
- B. Dog Park – Friends of the Dog Park continuing their fundraising efforts; looking for potential grant opportunities.
- C. Potter Park – this piece of land within the City is owned by Mt. Pleasant Public Schools. The City Commission is potentially interested in this property, as possibly a park. If changed to parkland, it would have to remain this way in perpetuity or by the vote of residents. Estimated cost to install playground, benches and trash cans is \$60,000 - \$65,000 with annual maintenance costs of \$5,000 - \$6,000.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.