

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Chair Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Nagler, Roberts, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: 1 CMU RPL Student
 - 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. Winslow, second by Comm. Nagler to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 22, 2013.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Michigan Parks & Recreation Conference next week; workshops and vendors include Trail Summit, DNR Passport Grant, recreation software and networking opportunities.
 - Hired OHM (engineering firm) to do design work on footbridge at Nelson Park, partnering with the Rotary Club, who is paying for one-half engineering costs. Club also interested in donating up to one-half cost of bridge by fundraising.
 - B. Recreation – Rec. Director Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
 - Convention & Visitor's Bureau event Freakin Freezin Challenge held 2/9 had 299 participants. The CVB would like to hold the event again next year. Staff Anthony and Sponseller working on a special event policy which encompasses all special events held in the city where assistance is requested.
 - Holding spring break camp at Vowles Elementary 4/1 – 4/5/13.
 - PEAK summer campers will now receive a t-shirt with enrollment.
 - Pre and post summer camps will be held in MPPS buildings rather than at Kinney where space was limited.

- Now taking spring soccer and tee-ball registrations.
- Great Egg Scramble to be held at Finch Fieldhouse on 2/23. Teen egg flashlight hunt to be held 2/24.
- Registrations open for adults sport teams: kickball, softball and sand volleyball.
- Looking to partner with McLaren to offer boot camp in the park this spring.
- Staff Carol Moody attending farmer's market training. Plans underway for the 40th anniversary celebration.
- Plans to attend the CMU Job Fair to be held 2/20.
- Looking to expand on the Start Smart Tennis program per request of participants – working with Midland Tennis Center.
- MPPS looking at changing policies regarding locked doors. This could affect the PEAK program and recreation activities. More information forthcoming when policy set.

Comm. Winslow asked about the CMU swim information in the Leisure Guide for February. This is a paid ad and is written to drive registration to the UREC website.

Comm. Winslow inquired about scholarships for the spring break camp and how they are disbursed. Free/Reduced lunch incomes guidelines are used to determine eligibility (scholarship pays 75% of tuition).

Comm. Nagler asked if MPPR ran the soccer camp – this camp is run by organization called Challenger Sports with recreation receiving a percentage of the proceeds.

Comm. Winslow asked about programming for seniors such as shuffleboard or yoga. City does not provide funding to recreation specifically for senior programming.

VI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 2013 MASA State Softball Tournament – Mr. Anthony gave a presentation on the economic impact of the tournament and the challenges we face with hitting the 130 team limit in February (currently 12 teams on waiting list) while maintaining a quality program. Discussion ensued regarding options. Staff will be bidding on tournament for a 2-year period (2014-2015). If bid received, will be looking for additional fields to use (Shepherd-Clare-Midland). Discussed sponsorships and in-kind donations. Comm. Winslow asked if bid continues will staff be asking the City Comm. for more money for additional fields; Director Anthony is working on a plan with the Division Director.
- B. Capital Improvement Plan Outline – Commission given a matrix of C.I.P. which includes a mixture of infrastructure and maintenance projects.

Comm. Roberts inquired about the site plan and pro-forma for Mission Creek in 2017. Staff will be hiring an architect to come up with a plan for the park (looking at revenue generation options with this project).

Comm. Winslow asked if the total funds for CIP in 2013 was set in the budget; yes it is, with the potential to move the Nelson footbridge project to 2013 projects (currently in 2014), depending on Rotary Club's fundraising efforts

- C. Consider Date Change for 5/28/13 Meeting – City Comm. meeting was moved to this date; after discussion, it was the general consensus of the commission to move the May 28th meeting to Tuesday, May 21.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.