

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 26, 2013
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **WELCOME NEW COMM. MATT WEAVER**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Boyle, Nagler, Roberts, Weaver, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: 5 CMU Students
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Alsager to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 19, 2013.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Continuing with parks seasonal hiring process (12 returners, 12 new, 2 interns). Orientation to be held 4/13/13.

Comm. Roberts asked if the number of employees was consistent with past years. A few more added to help with public spaces responsibilities (adding Main Street streetscape duties).
 - Two CMU parks interns starting in April; projects they will assist with include asset management project (data input) and updating intern manual.

Comm. Roberts asked if interns are paid; parks interns are given a stipend, and this year one of them is also a parks seasonal worker.

Comm. Winslow asked when parks seasonal workers start. Start dates are staggered depending on weather and availability; ending times are also staggered.
 - Working with Rotary Club to potentially replace wooden footbridge at Nelson Park with a covered bridge; hired OHM Engineering to

come up with design concept. Once drawing is approved by Rotary Club, will present to Commission with engineering cost estimate. Also working with Isabella Bank to build gazebo at Nelson Park with design to match covered bridge.

- Dog Park update - RFP for engineering services on City and Union Township's website. Proposals due 4/16; committee will review and make recommendation to City Commission. Comm. Nagler is City Parks representative on the committee and will be involved with the proposal review.
- Applying for DNR Passport Grant (\$30,000) for repair of weirs along river at Mill Pond Park. Total cost for project estimated at \$60,000.
- Yost Field project – OHM Engineers putting the project out to bid in April.

B. Recreation –Director Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:

- Youth basketball ended 3/17; evaluation surveys sent. Excellent volunteer turnout this year.
- Staff working on volunteer incentive program in order to recruit more volunteers for recreation programs and special events.
- Spring break camp to be held at Vowles – 36 enrollees.
- Currently taking spring soccer and tee-ball registrations. Will be introducing batter helmets for this year's tee-ball program.
- Currently accepting enrollments for adult softball/kickball/sand volleyball teams.
- Partnering with McLaren Fitness to offer Boot Camps in the park this summer. Will also be offering Zumba & Yoga.

Comm. Nagler suggested possibly partnering with Midland Tennis Center to offer winter indoor tennis lessons. He would also like to see promoting shuffleboard and yoga for seniors, as well as a City organized swimming program.

Director Anthony working with University Recreation to possibly organize open swim times.

- MASA State Tournament – expanding tournament to Midland as they have most fields available. Decision made to move U10 and U14 age groups. MASA to staff Midland sites. Will be applying for 2014-15 bid which will be announced in late April.
- Received grant from Community Foundation to purchase two sets of bleachers for sand volleyball courts.

- Egg Scramble held 3/23; great turnout but lacking volunteers.
- Farmer's market starts June 6; will be holding market during MASA tournament (location to be determined) and will also hold the market on July 4 (per request of farmers). Saturday market starts June 22 and will be held in City Hall parking lot this year because of issues in town center.
- PEAK activities include:
 - Spring 2% request submitted for PEAK.
 - Currently accepting applications for Summer Camp PEAK.
 - Working with Human Resources as to how healthcare reform will affect PEAK staff that work year round.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Meeting Venue Change: April 23rd meeting has been moved to Conference Room A (upstairs).

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Roberts asked about the piece of fence removed in the horseshoe pits; it was removed when ash trees were being cut down. Fence will be replaced when frost is out of the ground.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.