

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Boyle, Nagler, Roberts, Weaver
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: One CMU Student
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Boyle to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 26, 2013
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Orientation held on April 13th for 24 park seasonal employees, 2 parks interns and one parks ranger.
 - Staff working on cleaning up after spring flooding and wind (mud, wood chips, erosion).
 - Substantial erosion occurred during flooding at Chipp-a-Waters Park near canoe landing. The stone added at Mill Pond weirs last year helped stabilize east bank during flooding.
 - All park restroom facilities due to be fully open May 1st, as well as Nelson and City Hall water features. Sport and court nets will also be installed.
 - Spray Park due to open May 24; spring project includes addition of clay bricks around patio area to reduce mud and turf destruction.
 - Staff dealing with graffiti in the parks and grubs on sports fields.
 - In 2012 – 74 trees were removed from the Parks, 70% of which were ash trees. Replanting new trees in 2013 around parks, Cemetery and City Hall; parks staff established a small tree nursery in cemetery to help with future plantings.

Comm. Nagler asked when riverbank protection project will start at Chipp-a-Waters Park and how long will it take. Plan is to start in late summer or early fall and project should take approx. one month.

- B. Recreation – Director Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Successful spring break camp held at Vowles with 40 participants.
 - Youth soccer and teeball - over 400 participants. Practice postponed first week due to wet conditions. Total of 16 tee-ball teams and 20 soccer teams. Were able to offer separate boys/girls teams this spring for U13 ages (had to combine in years past).
 - Offering adult boot camp four Saturdays in June at Island Park.
 - Adult softball numbers down; deadline approaching; placed ad in CM Life to advertise.
 - Princess & SuperHero party had 27 attendees on 4/14.
 - MASA State Softball Tournament – 148 teams current; decision made to move U10's and U14's to Midland to accommodate tournament numbers. Bid for 2014/15 to be announced early May.
 - Winter bowling league/lessons finished 4/6; will evaluate program to determine if we will offer next season.
 - Upcoming events include Environmental Day @ Chipp-a-Waters on 5/17 and Walk Mt. Pleasant (Thursdays starting 5/16).
 - Talking with U-Rec re: open swim times.
 - 2014 budget prep
 - PEAK Update:
 - Communicating with principals at summer PEAK school sites; registration ongoing for Camp PEAK and weekly camps.
 - Afterschool PEAK attending CMU softball game 4/26.
 - End of year PEAK-nic scheduled at Sunnyside Park 5/31.
 - Year-end PEAK-nic planned for Sunnyside Park on June 1st.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park – four engineering proposal were received, ranging from \$5,164 to \$13,500. City, Township Manager, and committee reviewed request for proposals and selected Rowe Engineering based on price, local vendor, proposal and team credentials.

A motion was made by was made by Comm. Weaver, second by Comm. Alsager to endorse the recommendation of the dog park RFP evaluation committee by choosing Rowe, Inc. as engineer for the dog park conceptual design and recommends the City Commission approve ½ the funds needed (\$2,582) for completion of the stated design elements. The Parks and Recreation Commission further understands the value in successfully partnering with the Township especially in light of state funding requirements and looks forward to future cooperative endeavors.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Capital Projects Update: Parks

Island Park smaller pavilion repair – fall 2013

Chipp-a-Waters Park riverbank protection – late summer (project includes tree revetment, unique plantings, stone riprap, larger canoe landing.

Yost Field redesign – going to bid in spring; completion fall 2013

Nelson Park covered bridge – design stage. Bridge in 2014 capital plan; Rotary Club considering fundraising for ½ cost of project.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.