

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chair Weaver.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Boyle, Nagler, Winslow, Weaver
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: Joseph Westman, 128-1/2 S. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, MI
Mr. Westman had questions regarding the Chipp-A-Waters cell tower, which were addressed under Old/New Business.
- 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. Boyle, second by Comm. Winslow to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 28, 2014.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Looking to replace one large mower and addition of one parks truck for this year.
 - Summer seasonal employment information on City website.
 - Updating Parks & Grounds I & II job descriptions.
 - Consultant hired to help with new city manager search.
 - Staff constructing picnic tables for the new Yost pavilion.
 - Working with engineering for options regarding the drain field at Chipp-A-Waters Park.
 - City/Township submitted a 2% request to the SCIT asking the Tribe to be a 4th partner in the Dog Park project. This would reduce the amount each entity would contribute.

Comm. Nagler asked the role of the Commission as it relates the master plan. Public meetings will be planned and the commission will be asked to participate in these meetings. Facilitator will also get input from commission. Request for proposals will be sent out to choose a firm. In addition to the master plan, the DNR is requiring an ADA transition plan. Comm. will also be tasked with identifying greenways and blueways and an overall pathway plan.

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

- PEAK looking to hire 15-20 seasonal workers for summer camp; recreation looking to hire one recreation assistant.
- Working with Human Resources to “measure” PEAK staff hours in 2014 as it applies to the Affordable Care Act.
- Youth basketball concluding on Sunday, March 2nd.
- MPPR sponsored Program Registration Night at City Hall on 2/20 with a great turnout. Entities included Mt. Pleasant Little League, Union Twp. LL, Girls Youth Softball & Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club.
- Staff planning adult summer fitness classes in the park.
- MASA State Tournament – 124 teams registered (deadline May 2). U10 and U14 ages will again play in Midland. Currently looking for sponsors (already on board are Dick’s Sporting Goods, Great Lakes Loons and Soaring Eagle Water Park).
- Daddy Daughter Date Night held 2/9-10 with an increase in participation from last year.
- Farmer’s market – first official advisory board meeting held. Board formed to help to make decisions in order to meet the needs of the community and farmers. Market has been approved to accept bridge cards and participate in the *Double Up Food Bucks* program.
- Upcoming special event: Princess & Superhero party 3/30.
Comm. Winslow asked about the policy for outside vendors in the parks. The guideline is being fine-tuned and waiting approval by senior management.

VI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Chipp-A-Waters Cell Phone Tower – Director Bundy began by giving the history of the tower which was built in 2010. Drawings were presented of the proposed changes. Discussion ensued.

Commission did not have any major concerns with the upgrades and the project can move forward to the Planning and City Commissions with the following criteria:

- 1) Follows the site plan as presented.
- 2) If any existing plant life needs to be trimmed or moved to accommodate the project that it is done in consultation with the park staff prior to the work commencing.
- 3) New fence matches existing and if there is any major variation in fence wood or stain color that it is made to match the existing as close to correct.
- 4) If at all possible, the existing berm and surrounding plantings not be disturbed and if so they are replaced with same materials in

consultation with the park staff (any replacement plantings must be deer resistant).

- 5) All mowable turf that is disturbed must be replaced or re-seeded to match existing grade.
- 6) If a safety strobe light is required on the top of the tower due to height requirements that it be red for night vs white as to not disturb the local area.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The 2014 capital plan includes plans for Island Park Playscape Redevelopment Design. Options include reconstruction of the current design or tear down and replace. Director Bundy asked the Commissioners to speak with public to get their opinions; Commission will be asked to make a recommendation at a later date.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.