

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 22, 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, Busch, Nagler, Winslow, Weaver
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Moody, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda -- Approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Comm. Boyle, second by Comm. Nagler to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 25, 2014.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
Major flooding after harsh winter. Maintenance concerns include:
 - Chipp-A-Waters – undermining of trail (A2R trail portion). Picnic table and bench areas have been fenced off. Bank stabilization project to start as soon as water recedes.
 - Nelson Park – substantial sediment deposited on trail, staff working on moving.
 - Island – sediment deposited in dugouts and shelters, sand volleyball courts also damaged.
 - Pickens – substantial washout of fields, dugouts and fencing.
 - Mill Pond – weir repair project scheduled for 2014; engineering report could include additional work needed due to flooding.
 - Yost – everything operational; staff continues with staining project and landscaping.
 - 30 seasonal staff hired with staggered start times; Park rangers starting early May.
 - Graffiti in parks again this spring; permanent marker being used.
 - B. Recreation – Recreation Coordinator Carol Moody reported on the following programs and events:
Farmer’s Market – Advisory board established to redefine market policies. Vendor workshop held with 21 attendees (2nd workshop planned).

Market will be accepting 4 food assistant programs this year. WIC Project Fresh, Senior Project Fresh, SNAP (bridge cards) and Double Up Food Bucks. DUFB is a Michigan based foundation supported by 40 private community foundations and corporations. SNAP card holders can double up their food bucks up to \$20 each day until funds are depleted. Comm Boyle asked this will be advertised; staff planning a media blitz to include usual outlets as well as flyers to Comm. on Aging & Health Dept. Central Michigan Health Dept. honored the Mt. Pleasant Farmer's Market with *Health Hero Award* for providing locally grown produce and increasing access to good nutrition.

Other Recreation happenings:

- Fewer participants for Princess & Super Hero Party due to timing of spring break.
- Great Egg Scramble held April 12th. Invited to promote this event at Chamber's Business over Breakfast. Collected 438# of food for donation to Soup Kitchen.
- Teen Flashlight Egg hunt held April 13th. 60 teens participated despite the rainy weather.
- Start Smart tee-ball begins May 6th – 4 sections are full with 15 participants. Considering adding a 5th section.

Recreation Director Anthony reported on the following:

- Successful spring break camp held at Vowles with 49 participants.
- Youth soccer and tee ball scheduled to start May 3 with over 420 participants. Coaches meeting April 16.
- MASA tournament numbers at 162 – registration deadline May 2. MASA has approached MPPR to run a 2016 National tournament for ages U14. Staff evaluating proposal.
- Working with U-Rec to advertise open swim times in Leisure Guide.
- 2015 budget prep

VI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Dog Park Update – Friends of the Dog Park have reached and exceeded their fundraising goal. Going before City Commission 4/28 to approve basic tenants of agreement. Union Township Board will review at the May 14 meeting; agreement will then go to legal counsel before final City Comm. approval. Engineering for project could then proceed.

There are three funding situations that will be dealt with at a later date:

Isabella County proposed donating \$5,000 towards project. City Comm. in process of considering stipulations attached to donation, and \$10,000 donation from Comm. Foundation – does this go towards one entity or split amongst the three entities, and

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Tribal 2% request has been submitted asking tribe to become 4th partner; decision coming mid-May.

- B. 2013 P & R Annual Report – Designed by staff Carol Moody, staff presented the 2013 annual report to Commission.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.