

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, July 22, 2014  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Chair Weaver
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- A. Commission Members: Alsager, Batcheller, Busch, Boyle, Nagler, Winslow, Weaver
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
- C. Guests: None
- 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. Boyle to approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 3, 2014.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATION** - None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following report:
- Spring flood repair – Staff was able to add repair of the damage overlooks at Chipp-A-Waters to the parks riverbank protection project and is now complete. Reconstruction of damaged dugouts at Island Park and repair of lower Pickens fields and dugouts have been complete. Various other repairs in the parks have been ongoing due to last and this year’s spring flooding. Repair of Nelson Park river overlook will take place this fall once a DEQ permit is received for the work.
  - Chipp-A-Waters Riverbank reconstruction project is complete with the addition of new canoe landing, stone bank protection and walk downs as well as plantings to stabilize the riverbank.
  - Parks Dept. welcomes new full-time Parks and Ground staff member Josh Wozniak who began June 29.
- Comm. Busch asked about the recent spike in e-coli on the Chipp River, how are we getting the word out to citizens? The Tribe and Health Dept., along with City are working together and are conducting water testing to

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try and pinpoint area of e-coli concern. The e-coli problems seem to be originating upriver outside the City limits.

Comm. Winslow asked about the dead trees in the downtown streetscape. These trees are damaged from the emerald ash borer. Parks and Streets share in responsibility for tree health; damaged trees have been identified and plans are being put in place for replacement this fall.

Chair Weaver asked about damaged trees in parks. Staff will be removing critical trees in areas along the GKB trail and in parks.

- B. Recreation – Director Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Summer programs continue; softball and sand volleyball have two more weeks, adult fitness (boot camp) ongoing. Kickball league wrapped up with post season tournament. Adding a 16" softball league this fall.
  - Second session of tennis has increased participation, as well as an increase in golf lessons.
  - MASA tournament ended with 175 teams; once again rain hampered the tournament on Sunday and all loser bracket games were cancelled.
  - Staff partnered with Chippewa River District Library to offer Off to the Races and outdoor movie at City Hall, and Science Explosion held at Sunnyside Park.
  - Upcoming events include kids tent at Art Battle, Teen Lock-in and One Direction Fan Party (partner with CRDL).
  - Farmer's Market has 29 vendors on Thursdays; Saturday market includes program with Plate Boutique Farm to Table and free Yoga. Market now accepting bridge cards.
  - Camp PEAK winding down; Super Summer Showcase to be held at Warriner Auditorium 7/31. August daycamps are at full enrollment.
  - Proposed budget for 2015 complete. Working with Human Resources for Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> minimum wage hike.

## VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park Update & Naming Request – Friends of the Dog Park (FODP) have raised additional funds and may be interested in adding feature to enhance park; any additional maintenance costs must go before Commissions for approval. Bid going out next week with anticipated October opening.

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In accordance with the Policy and Procedure for the naming of City Parks, a request has been submitted to the Parks Department by the FODP on behalf of Hannah Simons Scalise's parents, Lynn Simons and John Scalise to name the Dog Park at Mission Creek Park *Hannah's Bark Park*. Supporting materials have been submitted and it has met the necessary policy requirements.

A motion was made by Comm. Batcheller, second by Comm. Nagler to recommend to the City Commission dedicating the Mission Creek Dog Park, currently under construction as part of a joint project between the City of Mt. Pleasant, Charter Township of Union, and the Friends of the Dog Park, in recognition and honor of Hannah Simons Scalise formally naming the Park *Hannah's Bark Park*. **Motion Carried.**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Comm. Nagler complimented staff on the farmer's market, calling it a celebratory atmosphere.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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