

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, September 23, 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: Batcheller, Busch, Boyle, Nagler, 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. Boyle, second by Comm. Nagler to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 22, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following report:
 - Mill Pond Park hit with graffiti weekend of 9/20-21; all surfaces (rocks, bridges, asphalt). Staff working on recording damage and cleaning surfaces.
 - Staff busy with field maintenance (fall sports) and regular maintenance including mowing and restrooms.
 - Chipp-A-Waters riverbank protection project complete aside from springtime plantings.
 - Lighting control project @ Island Park – staff prepared a request for proposal for this project, the justification being safety and time management. Staff currently turns power on/off with breakers; contactors and switches are safer. Also allows staff to program on/off times for ball fields, restrooms and shelters. After research, staff chose Musco which offered a 10-year service warranty including parks and labor. Install to be completed by local electrician, Block Electric this fall. Shelters will also be retrofitted with L.E.D. lighting; also adding connectors in the south shelter for Summerfest needs and west shelter for Lions Club BBQ.

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- Denali Construction low bidder on Nelson Park bridge project. Awaiting DEQ permit to start project.
 - Purchasing small shelters for Island Park to be installed Spring 2015.
 - Staff to begin winterizing projects.
- B. Recreation – Director Anthony reported on the following programs and events:
- Fall soccer has begun with 385 participants. Parking issues solved by staggering game times.
 - New this fall is youth flag football which has 82 participants and 8 teams. This program uses 2 fields @ Sunnyside Park on Saturday mornings.
 - Start Smart Soccer has 4 sections with a total of 60 participants.
 - Adult kickball – Monday league has 9 total teams. Hosting a Halloween tournament Oct. 25th.
 - Boot Camp in the park currently running.
 - Staff planning for upcoming youth programs dodgeball and volleyball.
 - Farmer’s market going well, Saturday growing with 6-7 vendors.
 - MPPR participating in National Day of Play @ Morey Courts on 9/26 – look for us at the MPPR Flag!
 - 2015 MASA State Tournament – met with Midland to discuss use of field for 2015 and we were denied as July 4th falls on a Saturday and union workers are not available. Staff looking at alternate locations and working closely with MASA Director.
 - 2014 Goal Volunteer Retention – staff working on ways to attract more volunteers through the free registration if you coach incentive.
 - Fall 2% Tribal Allocation submitted for the PEAK program in the amount of \$300,000 (announcements Nov. 2014).
Comm. Nagler asked how much of the PEAK budget this represents. Director Anthony replied that it is 50% of the budget. Comm. Nagler said he feels that the City should be funding more of the PEAK program and not relying so much on the 2% funds to provide this needed service to the community.
 - PEAK Program celebrating *Lights on Afterschool* in October. Purchase your light bulb at Ric’s Food Center Oct. 6-20 for \$1.
 - As of Jan. 1st seasonal workers will be limited to 25 hours/week if year round. This affects summer PEAK; staff brainstorming to come up with solutions.

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VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park Status – request for proposals prepared and bids came in higher than anticipated. Plan is to rebid in spring when contractors are not so busy. Large area of the park needs to be cleared. Bandit Industries has offered to donate equipment and operator (approx. \$40,000 value) to be completed this fall. In addition, City TPOAM union has offered to donate time for equipment usage; grass seed has also been donated by Friends of the Dog Park.
- B. Man vs Mountain Event – Director Anthony gave an overview of event which will be held Saturday, Feb. 7th, 2015 through City Parks and GKB Riverwalk Trail.
- C. Master Plan – a request for proposal was prepared to update the Parks & Recreation master plan through 2020 and include an ADA Transition Plan (identifying areas where we are deficient and a plan how to fix along with cost) and to identify greenways and blueways focusing on the Chippewa River with the goal of getting the river declared a “Michigan Rivertrail” (this status helps promote the river and opens grant opportunities). Staff will be asking for input from citizens and commission. Four proposals were received with staff recommending Spicer Group (they are also responsible for overall City master plan which is currently being updated).

Comm. Nagler asked how the planners determine what the public wants. Input will be requested via online survey, public meetings, stakeholder meetings (river and trail users, Tribe), and focus group meetings.

After discussion, a motion was made by Comm. Batcheller, second by Comm. Nagler to support the selection of Spicer Group to prepare the 2015-2020 Master Plan.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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