

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Special Meeting
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
7:00 p.m., City Hall

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

II. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:06 by Chair Weaver

III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

- A. Commission Members Present: Batcheller Boyle, Busch, Hansen, Nagler, Weaver
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Brune, Longoria , McKellar, Way, Wozniak
- C. Guests: None
- D. Public Attendance: None

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – approved as presented.
- B. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Batcheller to approve the minutes from Tuesday, May 19, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.**

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Parks – Craig Brune, Parks & Public Spaces Coordinator reported. Closing facilities in the next month, fall field maintenance, cemetery clean-up.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria gave the following update:
 - Farmer's Market – new patio great addition to market; market had all-time high vendor participation (42). Staff did a customer flow count with approx. 2,500 attendees on Aug. 6. Staff will be re-evaluating vendor fees for 2016 season. Market had a visit from Senator Moolenaar focusing on the Double Up Food Bucks Program. Our 2015 allocation for this program has been depleted and we will be asking for additional funds.
 - Fall Youth soccer – numbers up approx. 32 from last year. (405 participants)
 - Flag football – added another age group (7-8) in addition to the 5-6 year olds.
 - Start Smart Soccer – all four sessions full with 15 participants.
 - Adult Programs – offering kickball league on Monday and Thursdays and a men's fastpitch league on Sundays.
 - PEAK – staff has been reaching out to principals and staff at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to strengthen relationship. Discussed using classrooms to help develop staff in group activities. PEAK staff scheduled to attend open houses. Director Longoria met with Frank Cloutier, Public Relations Director from SCIT and also presented to the Tribal Council to reiterate the positive affect PEAK has on the community and how grateful PEAK is for the support from the

Tribe. Discussion raised regarding lack of 2% tribal funding and the impact on PEAK fees. This topic will be addressed at the next Comm. meeting.

VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Potter Playground – Josh Wozniak, Parks & Grounds employee and also as part of his internship project, gave an update to the Commission. A public meeting was held on May 3 at Potter Playground for input and ideas for moving forward. Staff took input and created an overall site plan then met again on July 19 to present to stakeholders. Three draft options were created as a result of the input received and citizens were asked to review the options and site plan and provide feedback by July 29. Citizens would like a playset, swing set with baby swing, benches, picnic tables, grill & shelter.

Currently the Park staff has removed the old playground equipment, hosted a clean-up, removed two old ash trees with plans to remove dying maple tree on Pine Street and various concrete slabs, removed fabric from backstop and repainted, replaced basketball backboard, and added trash receptacle; also daily trash removal and mow grass weekly.

Discussion held regarding budget proposals. Chair Weaver asked if the playground set price was installed. Yes per staff Wozniak.

A motion was made by Comm. Batcheller, second by Comm. Weaver to recommend Proposal A to the City Commission. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Comm. Busch commented that this investment will invigorate that community.

- B. Park Project Update –

Island Park – sidewalk improvements and concrete pads installed for future small shelter project complete; grass planted. Also completed is patio outside farmer's market shelter and retaining wall planter.

Mill Pond – weir project complete, park staff will handle aesthetics.

Comm. Busch asked about the river restoration project, are we dissuading use of the river during this time? Yes, until project is complete.

Hannah's Bark Park – turf looks good. We have sold approx. 160 key fobs. Parks maintenance includes daily removal of trash and weekly mowing. Staff has had to address issue with members who have a small and large dog. At no time may a large dog enter the small dog area; however, a small dog may enter large dog area if the owner has both a large and small dog. This wording has been added to the membership packet.

Bids are due today for Island Park Small Shelter Replacement and Horizon Park Shelter. Both projects scheduled to be completed this fall.

- C. Master Plan – Updated plan on website and has been filed with MDNR.
D. PEAK Fees – this topic tabled.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** - None

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:00 pm