

Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
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, Hansen, Nagler, Weaver, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Hofer, McKellar, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: None
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Agenda approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. Boyle, second by Comm. Nagler to approve the minutes of Tuesday, December 2, 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **COMMISSIONER & STAFF UPDATE**

Welcomed new Commissioner Keri Hansen, who was appointed to replace term-limited member Dave Alsager. Thanks to Dave for his service! Also, staff introduced Steve Hofer, Interim Recreation Director and Spencer McKellar, Interim PEAK Director (appointed to replace Mr. Anthony who left in December).
- V. **ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**
 - A. Nominations – The floor was opened for nominations by Chair Weaver for officer positions (Chair and Vice-Chair). Comm. Boyle nominates Matt Weaver for chair, second by Comm. Winslow. Chair Weaver nominates Amanda Boyle for Vice-chair, second by Comm. Nagler. Nominations were closed.
 - B. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – The Commission voted unanimously to elect Comm. Weaver as Chair and then voted unanimously to elect Comm. Boyle as Vice-Chair for 2015.
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave an update on the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and planned projects for 2015, and asked the Comm. for input in preparation for the 2016-2020 CIP, focusing on areas that need attention.
 - Comm. Weaver would like to keep infrastructure projects in the forefront.

- Comm. Weaver asked about \$60,000 dedicated to renovation of park roads, parking & trails. This money will be used to replace pedestrian bridge deck boards along the GKB Riverwalk Trail.
- Comm. Busch asked about the Wayfinding System – this is a city-wide project that has been pushed to later years as the City researches “branding”.
- Horizon Park shelter is in the 2015 CIP as soccer club has raised funds for the project.

Staff removed several diseased ash trees from the trail at Chipp-a-Waters Park that were of concern. Several more will be removed in coming months.

Dog Park – Bid posted for construction of Dog Park; met with township and Friends of the Dog Park group to look at areas to reduce; base bid does not include pavilion (alternate) with 2nd alternate parking lot improvements. Pre-bid meeting held with 10 contractors in attendance; bids due Feb. 10th.

Spring flooding – City received \$100,000 flood damage reimbursement from the State; funds being used on Mill Pond weir project and Broadway Street River Restoration project.

B. Recreation – Interim Director Hofer reported on the following programs:

- Start Smart Tennis being held at Morey Courts (4-7 yr. olds)
- Youth basketball – up 40 participants from last year, this program for grades K-6 has 325 hoopsters. New format for grades K-2 went to half practice/half game which requires more volunteers. Staff did a great job recruiting for this program.
- Youth bowling program started last week at Riverwood Bowling Center.
- Volunteer recognition goal – this 2014 goal was met and helped along using Orgsync, an online community management system that is used by CMU to match volunteers with opportunities. This has been very helpful when recruiting volunteers.
- Farmer’s Market - In 2014, market distributed \$11,571 to shoppers through Double Up Food Bucks program. 30% of farmer’s have reported their vendor sales. (These are used for marketing purposes). Market had 19 new vendors in 2014. Advisory committee meets this Thursday, 1/29/15. Hiring farmer’s market assistant for 2015 market.
- MASA Annual Meeting – Staff Hofer attended; decision made to split A-B classification in order for tournament to grow. (Mt. Pleasant to host A’s, City of Holland to host B’s). MASA expressed their appreciation for Mt. Pleasant’s hosting tournament and considers it their crown jewel.

PEAK Update:

- Filled several staff positions for afterschool (turnover due to graduating seniors or internships).
- Held training on 1/19 with all staff to keep up-to-date with licensing requirements.
- Pullen numbers have been increasing; working on marketing strategies to get numbers up at other sites.
- Staff working on summer camp planning (staffing, field trips).

Comm. Winslow sits on the MPPS Balanced Calendar Committee; they are interested in opening a dialog with PEAK regarding this topic. Interim Director Spencer McKellar said to direct any dialog to him.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Master Plan– Timeline provided. Commissioners will be asked to participate in Public Open House and Stake Holder’s meetings (which will be held prior to Feb. 24 Comm. meeting) to talk with citizens and gather feedback for input process. Topics will include river, trails, infrastructure, accessibility, athletics, etc.
- B. Special Event Update
- Daddy Daughter Date Night was held Jan. 18-19 at the Comfort Inn.
 - Under the Big Top, partnership with CRDL, Jan. 31 at Spinning Wheels.
 - Man vs. Mountain –winter 5k with obstacles, Feb. 7. Check in at Mountain Town Restaurant; start line at Nelson Park.
 - Winter Kids Expo, partnership with WCFX, Feb. 14 at Finch Fieldhouse.
 - Youth Program Registration Night, Feb. 19 at City Hall Chambers.
 - MASA Girls State Softball Tournament, U12-U14-U16-U18 (A) Divisions held at various fields in Mt. Pleasant, July 2-3-4-5.
 - Received bid for National Tournament, U14 Girls Softball to be held in July 2016.

Comm. Boyle asked why the Daddy Daughter event was held earlier than normal this year. Facility scheduling issues; will evaluate for 2016.

Staff partnering with Keeplocal989 to market MPPR events.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm