

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, April 21, 2015  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:04 by Chair Weaver.
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members: Boyle, Busch, Hansen, Weaver, Winslow
  - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Hofer, McKellar, Way
  - C. Guests: None
  - D. Public Attendance: None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – No changes and agenda approved as presented.
  - B. Approval of Minutes -- A motion was made by Comm. Hansen, second by Comm. Busch to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 24, 2015. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. **WELCOME RECREATION DIRECTOR RYAN LONGORIA**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VII. **PUBLIC HEARING – PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN** – Public Hearing opened by Chair Weaver; no public attendance. Public Hearing Closed. Director Bundy gave a presentation with the overall review of plan and process. A motion was made by Comm. Winslow, second by Comm. Busch to recommend approval of 2016-2020 Parks & Recreation Master Plan and support final approval and adoption by the City Comm. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- VIII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. Parks –Director Bundy gave the following report:
    - Work continues on the Rotary Bridge in Nelson Park; roof is on, next is finish cupola and posts.
    - Spray Park scheduled to open Friday before Memorial Day.
    - Seasonal staff orientation held Saturday, April 12.
    - Most restrooms open; nets going up shortly as well as picnic tables and getting irrigation and fountains ready to go.
    - Mill Pond Weir Project (and W. Broadway Street Riverbank Protection) – awaiting DEQ permit; DEQ requested additional information from engineer.

- Horizon Park Shelter – Cosan family and soccer club raised \$15,000 towards project, \$15,000 coming from Park Partnership fund, and \$40,000 from CIP. Engineering plans to be ready May 1.
- Potter Playground Project – Staff working with Comm. Liz Busch on this project located at Maple and Pine Streets. Community meeting set for Sunday, May 3 @ 1pm. Goal is to gather info as to what neighbors would like to see moving forward.
- Park Rangers hired (4) and start full-time after May 1.  
Comm. Boyle asked about the status of shelter at Nelson Park. Currently awaiting donation from Isabella Bank.

B. Recreation – Interim Director Hofer gave the following report:

- Great Egg Scramble held at Finch Fieldhouse on 4/4; canned food donations accepted for Soup Kitchen. Great volunteer turnout.
- Princess & Super Hero Party held at Morey Courts on 4/19.
- Staff attending Mid-Michigan Comm. College Earth Day event.
- Youth soccer and tee ball scheduled to start on May 2.
- Start Smart tee ball has 4 sections with 15 participants; plan in the works to add a 5<sup>th</sup> section.
- MASA State Tournament hosting “A” Division; currently at 82 teams.
- Adult Programs including softball, volleyball and kickball deadline approaching.
- Offering kickball tournament at SummerFest.
- Fitness classes being offered this summer include 2-day Jump Start parent/child class, BootCamp and free Yoga @ Saturday market.
- Vendor applications have been sent out for farmer’s market; interviewing for market assistant.
- On April 14, MPPR awarded the 2015 William Brehm Tourism award from the Mount Pleasant Area Convention & Visitors Bureau for our superior service and steadfast commitment to the community. Also, Recreation Intern Marjorie Wallington was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship as a CMU student enrolled in Recreation, Parks & Leisure Services Program.
- This is volunteer appreciation week and MPPR would like to recognize all volunteers who contribute to our programs. The volunteer of the month for April is Tyler Cole.
- PEAK
  - Spring Break Camp successful with 31 participants.
  - Finalizing summer staff interviews.
  - Upcoming field trips include CMU softball and baseball games.

- PEAK participating in Art Reach's Festival of Banners.

XI. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Dog Park Update – Planned water infrastructure (Friends of the Dog Park raised additional funds) to include an accessible drinking fountain and doggie fountain, approval needed from City & Township. Starting to set fence posts today on east side, foundation for posts (future pavilion). Dry wells installed, as well as concrete pad and stone dust infield.
- B. Playscape Design Project – After research, staff hired Play-By-Design as consultant. Mr. Bundy gave an update on the project; discussion ensued regarding timing of the project; options include reconstruct or total rebuild. A motion was made by Comm. Weaver, second by Comm. Busch to recommend the redesign and construction of TimberTown at Island Park. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- C. Consider Date Change for May Meeting – City Comm. has moved their May meeting to May 26 (because of Memorial Day holiday); this is the Parks & Recreation regular meeting date. After discussion, decision made to move meeting up a week to Tuesday, May 19.

X. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.