

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Chair Weaver.
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Hansen, Nagler, Weaver
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way
 - 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 of Tuesday, April 21, 2015.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Island Park Spruce-up Weekend May 15-17 – On Friday, Home Depot volunteers worked at the Vet’s Memorial planting flowers, trees and placed mulch. Additionally, Home Depot provided a grant to support the cost of these improvements. Saturday, the General Agency, as part of their 100 year anniversary celebration, coordinated a group of volunteers to help with clean-up, staining of out buildings, plantings and spreading mulch. They also provided funds for these projects. Sunday saw the Forgotten Eagles Chapter 3 continue work at the memorial with additional flower plantings, brickwork and painting of signs and building.

It was a busy day in Island Park as Drillers held a girls softball tournament and Recreation sponsored Tennis Fun Day on Saturday as well as an early morning 5k through the trails.
 - Operational – staff getting ready for Memorial weekend, mowing and weed whipping. All sports nets up, spray park scheduled to be opened Friday, 5/22.
 - Rotary Bridge – complete except for stone work on pillars and staining; ribbon cutting set for Monday, June 15.
 - Mill Pond Weir Project – waiting on DEQ permit.

- Island & Horizon Ball Field Reconditioning – bids due today; one received. Staff to evaluate bid to make potential adjustments.
 - Island Park Improvements (accessibility) and pads for small shelters – Pre-bid meeting held today, bid deadline June 2.
 - Horizon Park Shelter – architectural drawing received, working on bid package.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following programs and events:
- 2016 preliminary Recreation budget submitted.
 - T-ball and soccer rained out second week; pictures were taken at City Hall Chambers.
 - Start Smart Tee-ball filled four sections and added a fifth.
 - Adult Softball Leagues – first two days were a rain-out. As the trend continues, numbers are down for this sport.
 - MASA Tournament in Mt. Pleasant July 2-5 with 89 registered teams. Draw has been held for pool play.
 - Farmer’s Market set to open June 4th; new market assistant has been hired.
 - PEAK: There are 2-1/2 weeks left of afterschool; Schools Out Day camps are full and on a waiting list, Camp PEAK is open at Ganiard-Vowles (K-3) McGuire (3-6) and West (7-8).
Meeting with organization *Michigan Hunger Solutions* to explore financial assistance with healthy summer snacks.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dog Park – Director Longoria helping with key fob system and signage (on order). Park is 85% complete. Fences have bottom rail that is buried 8” deep to prevent dog from digging under. Concrete infield complete. Electrical installed; internet connection and plumbing this week. Water for drinking fountains ok’d by City/Union Township. Fountain on order. Volunteers hand raking park into piles getting ready to seed. Park grand opening in July.
- Comm. Hansen asked about membership pricing. As follows:
- \$30 annual fee
 - \$20 each add’l dog
 - \$5 week pass
 - \$5 add’l or lost key
- Must show dog license in order to purchase a membership.
- Comm. Nagler asked if the park will be staffed. No, creating a Dog Park Advisory Board made up of representatives from all entities (City, Union Twp., Friends of the Dog Park) to deal with issues that come up.
- Discussed risk management; dog park membership application being sent

to Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for review.

No children under 12 will be allowed in the dog park; children 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult.

- B. Playscape Design Project – Project has been postponed until next year; staff will continue to form sub-committees and solicit donations.

Comm. Batcheller asked when project would proceed; Fall of 2016 as CMU student involvement is important.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.