

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

7:00 p.m., City Hall

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

II. **CALL TO ORDER**

III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Boyle, Busch, Nagler, Weaver,

B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, McKellar, Way

C. Public Attendance: Steve Covieo - The Pulse

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. Nagler, second by Comm. Busch to approve the minutes from Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED.

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:

- Staff looking at season ending projects (restroom and shelter closures, water turn-off).
- Tree removal ongoing with focus on Chipp-a-Waters & Mill Pond.
- Mill Pond weirs and Broadway Street riverbank projects complete.
- Work has started on Horizon Park shelter.
- Island Park small shelters are on order; these four pre-manufactured structures have steel roofs in different colors are scheduled to be installed by Thanksgiving.
- Additional plots ready for sale at Riverside Cemetery.
- Work starting soon to replace deck boards on several foot bridges within the parks system (first on the list is Island to Nelson then Island to Pickens).
- Presenting Potter Playground update to City Comm. on Monday, 9/28 prioritizing neighborhood desires. Will also discuss funding options (fundraising, 2% request).

B. Recreation – Director Longoria gave the following update:

- Staff Steve Hofer attended National Recreation & Park Assn. conference in Las Vegas.
- Youth flag football and soccer seasons are underway with increased numbers.
- Farmer's market in the home stretch, Market Master Carol Moody doing farm visits.

- PEAK afterschool up and running. Feedback from principals has been positive; staff attending school functions representing PEAK Program.
- Man vs. Mountain 5K – scheduled for February 6, 2016. Currently in the marketing and planning phase.
- Girls on the Run having a 5K on Halloween starting at Island Park. Staff will be promoting MVM 5K at this event.
- Met with Morey Courts to discuss programming duplicity and gaps.
- Continuing to explore sponsorships and marketing material.

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review smoking restrictions in the Parks – At the Sept. 14 City Comm. meeting, Mayor Holton asked the Parks & Recreation Comm. to review the possibility of making the parks smoke free. Director Bundy acknowledged this request and will do some research into other communities' policies and look at Health Dept. standards for public spaces and report back the findings.
- B. PEAK Fees – Director Longoria addressed the Comm. regarding proposed PEAK fee increase. Currently PEAK is primarily funded 50/50 from program fees and SCIT 2% grant. With sustainability in mind and minimum wage increases, staff has proposed an increase to summer and afterschool fees as follows to take effect Jan. 1:

PEAK Summer Program K-6	Approved 2015			Proposed 2016		
	Res/MPPS	Non-MPPS	Early Disc.	Res/MPPS	Non-MPPS	Early Disc.
6-week session	\$460.00	\$560.00	\$20.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$20.00
Scholarship Rate	\$180.00	\$230.00	\$20.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$20.00
PEAK Summer Program 7-8 (West)						
6-week session	\$250.00	\$330.00	\$20.00	\$290.00	\$370.00	\$20.00
Scholarship Rate	\$120.00	\$145.00	\$20.00	\$145.00	\$185.00	\$20.00
PEAK After School						
Grades K-6 Weekly Rate	\$35.00	n/a	n/a	\$45.00	n/a	n/a
Grades K-6 Daily Rate	\$9.00	n/a	n/a	\$11.00	n/a	n/a
Scholarship Rate K-6 Weekly	\$20.00	n/a	n/a	\$30.00	n/a	n/a
Scholarship Rate K-6 Daily	\$5.00	n/a	n/a	\$7.00	n/a	n/a
West PEAK Weekly Rate	\$10.00	n/a	n/a	\$15.00	n/a	n/a

Comm. Nagler: Have we explored a Comm. Foundation grant? Yes Ryan has spoken with MPACF and will talk to Amanda again.

Comm. Batcheller: If additional funds become available (fall tribal 2%) will we roll back rates? No as afterschool rates have not increased since 2009.

Comm. Busch – have we considered a 3-tier pricing structure to help lower income families? PEAK did do this at one time.

Director Longoria stated that if the fee increases occur, economic hardship scholarships exist for those families in need.

A motion was made by Comm. Weaver, second by Comm. Nagler to approve the proposed 2016 PEAK fee increase with a special request to City Comm. to consider offsetting these fee increases with City funds. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Nagler brought up the topic of the upcoming closure of Rose Pool and the impact on the community. Comm. Nagler had a discussion with Mt. Pleasant School Board president Tim Odykirk regarding project to garner their interest. Other topics discussed included funding options, building community interest, appointing an advocate from the commission and sharing past information gathered from Comm. Center Task Force feasibility study in 2004-05. There was interest going forward to warrant further discussion.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 p.m.