

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2016
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:05 p.m.**
- III. **COMMISSIONER UPDATE**
 - A. Welcome New Commissioners
 - Damian Fisher
 - Steven Stressman
- IV. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Fisher, Nagler, Stressman
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way
 - C. Public Attendance: Steve Covieo – The Pulse
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Comm. Stressman, second by Comm. Fisher to accept agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Fisher to approve the minutes of Jan. 26, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - Operational:**
 - LED Lighting retrofit for all Island Park restrooms
 - Snow removal (trails and Parks, City Hall, DPS)
 - Picnic table assembly (for Horizon shelter and I.P. small shelters and repair of existing tables)
 - Restroom facility maintenance (staff maintains 10 facilities)
 - Projects:** Capital Improvement Plan update for 2016
 - Tobacco Policy:** In light of publicity given to policy when passed by the City Comm., Director Bundy reviewed the reason for the policy reiterating special consideration and staff research given to areas where children play. City Newsletter to go out shortly clarifying the focus on youth areas. Comm. Fisher suggested that the message in City Newsletter highlights “focus on youth”.

Indian Pines Park - Director Bundy gave an overview of park and virtual tour of land including surrounding areas. Staff to research options regarding accessibility to park including: FAA Guidelines (because of proximity to airport), use agreements and easement wording. After staff research and input, Parks & Recreation Comm. may be asked to give recommendation to City Comm. in future months.

B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:

Events:

- Man vs. Mountain held Feb. 6 with 250 participants. With expected continued growth, staff may be looking at larger venue for starting point.
- Daddy Daughter Date Night held Jan. 31 at Comfort Inn with approx. 700 participants. Both events had great volunteer support.
- Planning ongoing for MASA JO and Northern National tournaments. Hotel rooms scarce for the July No. Nat'l tournament; working w/Soaring Eagle.

Programming:

- Last day of Start Smart Tennis held at Morey Courts.
- This is the last week of youth basketball program.

Working with *Friends of the Dog Park* and dog handler Kelley Moss to develop educational resources including dog behavior and knowing when your pet is ready for the dog park. Presentation to be made April 4th in City Comm. Chambers from 7-8 pm with a Q&A session afterwards.

PEAK:

- Spring 2% request submitted
- Discussed CMU Native American Program /PEAK partnership
- Summer Camp preparation
- Parents Night Out – A night of fun for kids was held 2/13 with movie, popcorn, pizza and games.
- PEAK Golf Outing and Painting with Pinot to be held Friday, May 20th at Mt. Pleasant Country Club.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Playground Construction Update - three playgrounds in the 2016 C.I.P.

- Potter Playground – Staff Longoria working with MEDC and Patronicity to launch 40-day fundraising campaign starting Monday, March 14 – Friday, April 22 with a goal to raise \$25,000 (Patronicity will match this amount). Kiwanis Organization on board to donate \$10,000 and volunteers to help with install scheduled for July 9.
- Yost Park – Discussed previous enhancements in 2015 and addition of playground in 2016. Mercantile Bank has donated \$10,000 to playground project and volunteers to help with installation scheduled for July 16.

- Island Park Playscape – current wooden structure is 21 years old and aging. Staff and committee to recommend removing existing structure and replace. Committee Coordinators for project are Rick Ervin and Amanda Boyle. Staff will be holding a core committee meeting March 20; design days will be scheduled in April at local elementary schools to engage students in the design of the playground; core committee will showcase design and recruit additional volunteers for various committees and construction.

Comm. Fisher asked about ADA responsibilities, will playground feature ADA elements? Director Bundy stated that this will be a major focus for this project.

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

X. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:20 p.m.