

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER – 7:04 pm**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members Present: Batcheller, Busch, Fisher, Nagler, Stressman
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way
 - C. Guests and Public Attendance - None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Fisher to accept agenda as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Stressman to approve the minutes of Feb. 23, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
Operational & Maintenance:
Seasonal staff hiring has begun, orientation to be held Sat. April 9.
No flooding issues so far this spring; still dealing with damage from last two years (Nelson Park overlook)
Spring playground inspections have begun
Restroom rehab ongoing; new sinks and faucets installed at island Park
North restroom; staff now painting and resurfacing the floors
Projects:
IP Lift Station – in Nov. 205, pumps and components were updated for additional flow. Alarm system also updated
Working on bid packages for 2016 projects
2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan has been submitted to Finance
Spring 2% Requests:
 - Improvements to GKB Trail from Adams to Leaton Street
 - Improvements to river overlook at Nelson Park
 - Renovation of septic system at Chipp-a-Waters Park
 - Access signage for Indian Pines Park

- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:

PEAK:

Spring 2% request submitted – staff continuing to build relationships with Tribe

Golf Outing and Painting with Pinot to be held Friday, May 20th at Mt. Pleasant Country Club

Spring Break camp next week (at capacity)

CACFP (federal food reimbursement program) has been approved.

Summer camp locations solidified with MPPS

Recreation & Special Events:

Deadline for spring soccer and tee-ball is April 6

Great Egg Scramble (Finch Fieldhouse) 3/26

Teen Flashlight Egg hunt held at Island Park on 3/20 with 100 participants

Currently hiring for seasonal recreation positions

Canine College to be held Monday, April 4th at City Hall.

VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Island Park Playscape Reconstruction Project**

Kickoff meeting held 3/20; Director Bundy gave a history of the original project and discussed best practices for construction and what other communities are doing. Also discussed what to do with existing donor plaques and concrete prints and ways to honor original project.

Playscape Committee and Staff recommend total reconstruction and rebuild using conventional playground equipment using GameTime/Sinclair Recreation. After commission review and discussion,

*A motion was made by Comm. Nagler, second by Comm. Busch to recommend support of a single source bid for the design and construction of the 2016 Island Park Playscape not to exceed the budgeted amount to GameTime and Sinclair Recreation, based on the grants to be provided and the successful history of like projects. **MOTION CARRIED.***

B. **Indian Pines**

City Comm. held work session and discussed concerns. Requested budget for signage to include:

1. No motorized vehicles
2. No hunting
3. No cutting trees
4. No dumping
5. No fires
6. Identify property as City owned

Staff to determine cost, size, quantity and placement of signage and report back to City Comm.

Parks & Recreation Comm. would also like to see signage to encourage responsible stewardship along the river and notice to river users that areas may not be navigable to novice users.

Comm. Fisher recommended using community members to help set priorities for this property and to preserve the area until plan in place.

C. **Yost Playground**

At the City Comm. meeting on 3/14, Mercantile Bank donated \$10,000 towards the project and reiterated the use of their staff to help with installation of the playground on July 16.

D. **Potter Playground**

Kickoff of Patronicity campaign announced at City Comm. meeting on 3/14. Goal is to reach \$25,000 in order to receive a match from MEDC; to date we have received \$12,000 from Kiwanis, \$7,500 from Comm. Foundation (Harkin Fund) plus several individual commitments totaling \$1,200. Deadline for donations is April 22. Playground install scheduled for July 9.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Director Bundy reported on United Way "Picture This" campaign. MPHS freshman Taylor Idema pitched an idea for a band shelter at Island Park and was awarded a \$5,000 donation towards the project. Remaining funds would be collected through grants, fundraising and Park Partnership Funds. Project discussed in master plan; however, not in CIP. Earliest projected timeline would be 2018.

Chair Batcheller is a member of the inaugural class of the Citizens Academy and would highly recommend attendance. The commitment is 2-1/2 hours for 6-weeks.

Member Fisher commented that he is heavily involved in farmers' markets and is looking into future planning for market growth in the area and perhaps a mutually exclusive location as he feels markets are a tremendous value to communities.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:30 pm