

Approved Minutes

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:05 pm
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Boyle, Busch, Nagler, Stressman, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way
 - C. Public Attendance: The Idema Family
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Comm. Stressman, second by Comm. Boyle to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARING BENCH ADOPTIONS**

Public hearing opened for comments by Vice-Chair Busch; no public comments made; Public hearing closed by Vice-Chair Busch. Bench adoptions approved for the following:
Mill Pond Park - Sheldon Frank Perry
Island Park Vets Memorial – Forgotten Eagles
Potter Playground (6): Mt. Pleasant Jaycees, John R. & Constance M. Harkins Fund, Crapo Insurance Agency, Sid Smith, Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club, and Ireta Ekstrom/Blaine Stevenson/Memory of Vincent Noble
- VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. The Commission heard a citizen proposal for an amphitheater in City Parks – presentation made by MPHS Freshman Taylor Idema, first place winner in the United Way Youth Venture Competition “Pitch-er This” and was awarded \$5,000 towards her project idea. Goals of this program include:
 - To gain fresh perspectives on how to improve our community
 - To facilitate youth participation in community
 - To better Isabella County via student projects related to quality education, financial stability and healthy lifestyles
 - Teach high school students project development, presentation and public speaking skillsTaylor’s winning idea is a proposal for an amphitheater in Island Park for an estimated cost of \$100,000. She is proposing a 2018 completion date using local fundraising and grants. Parks & Recreation Comm. to review and discuss at next meeting and offer potential recommendation to City Comm.

B. Indian Pines Access Consideration – City Comm. has tasked staff to research options to make Indian Pines Park accessible to foot traffic and to gather input from the P & R Comm. and the Airport Advisory Board. Topics discussed included intergovernmental agreement with Union Township, citizen access points, placement of signage, enforcement, property agreements, owner notification and ongoing maintenance. After discussion a motion was made by Vice-Chair Busch, second by Comm. Winslow to recommend *north park pedestrian access only* with associated one-time and annual estimated costs included:

- Ratification of intergovernmental agreement with Union Township officials to provide joint enforcement of park rules (no anticipated costs)
- Creation of regular enforcement and inspection activities throughout the park undertaken by Park Rangers May-October approximately 3x per week (\$3,000 annual)
- Creation of periodic enforcement and inspection activities undertaken by Law enforcement November and December random schedule. (no anticipated cost)
- Creation of periodic enforcement and inspection activities throughout the park undertaken by park staff January-April approximately 3x per month (\$2,200 annual)
- Installation of a 36" pedestrian opening adjacent to the existing NE maintenance gate (\$1,000)
- Installation of park entrance sign on NE maintenance gate listed above including park hours (\$700)
- Upgrade of aging easement fencing at NE gate location (\$1,600)
- Ongoing maintenance to keep NE easement area trimmed and accessible as needed in season April-October (\$1,400 annual)
- Ongoing maintenance and repair of posted NO hunting, motorized vehicles, tree cutting, dumping & fires signage recently installed (\$400 annual)
- Installation of NO hunting, motorized vehicles, tree cutting, dumping, & fires signage along the full north and east perimeters of the park (\$4,400)
- Ongoing maintenance and repair of posted NO hunting, motorized vehicles, tree cutting, dumping, & fires signage installed along the full north, east and west perimeters of the park and the north and west perimeters of the adjacent City property (\$1,800 annual)
- Installation of NO hunting, motorized vehicles, tree cutting, dumping, & fires signage along the full north and west perimeters of the adjacent City property (\$6,300)
- Keep south entrance as is and revisit overall park plan during next master planning process.
- Gather input on this motion from the Airport Advisory Board.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.

These recommendations result in a \$14,000 one-time cost and \$8,800 annual cost.

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:

- 2017 budget finalization
- Adult Sports – softball, kickball& volleyball ongoing. No rainouts yet this season!
- Spring soccer ongoing at Sunnyside Park.
- Island Park Farmer's Market opened Thursday, June 2.
- Special Events: Partnering with CRDL "Dinosaur Dig" 6/11 at Island Park Volleyball Courts and "Off to the Races" in City Hall parking lot on 6/23. Also, Glow-Run, partnering with Art Reach tentatively set for 9/9.
- PEAK Golf Outing was held Friday, May 20th with 80 golfers. Event netted \$5,400 which will benefit the PEAK scholarship fund.
- PEAK received \$100,000 from spring Tribal 2% disbursements.
- Registration ongoing for Camp PEAK (6/27 – 8/5). Summer staff training to be held 6/9-10.
- Staff continuing with development of sponsorship package, which is almost complete.
- MASA State Tournament begins 3-weeks from today.
- Hannah's Bark Park doing well, FODP planning a low-key event at the park on 8/6.

B. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:

- Staff responsibilities include field prep for softball leagues and four tournaments this summer.
- Planning continues for summer playground builds. Kiwanis Club will spearhead the Potter build on July 9 and Mercantile Bank the Yost Park build on July 16.
- Nearing final design of Island Park Playscape 2.0, next step is public relations to promote the October build.
- Potter and Yost playground installations upcoming (Potter July 9 and Yost July 16). Using Volgistics software for volunteer sign-up and tracking.
- City Parks received \$10,000 Tribal 2% funding for repair of Chipp-a-Waters drain field. Hoping to make this a 2016 project.
- Upcoming projects include replacement of shelter roofs at Island Park as well as mausoleum roof in Riverside cemetery.
- Staff continues with bridge inspections; there are 10 pedestrian bridge crossings within the park system. Also continuing with bridge deck replacement project.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - none

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:23 p.m.