

# Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019  
7:00 p.m., City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER** – 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

- A. Commission Members: Alsager, Barber, Busch, Irwin, Little, Stressman
- B. Commission Members Absent: Batcheller
- C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy , Longoria, Way

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Alsager, second by Irwin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Alsager, second by Stressman to approve the minutes from Tuesday, November 27, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.

**ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS**

- A. Nominations Election of Chair & Vice Chair: Floor opened for nominations by Chair Little.  
Commission Chair Election: Alsager nominates Little, second by Busch. There were no other nominations. Voting took place and members unanimously elected Member Little as 2019 Chair.  
Commission Vice-Chair Election: Alsager nominates Busch, second by Stressman. Busch nominates Barber, (Barber declines nomination). There were no other nominations. Voting took place and members unanimously elected Member Busch as 2019 Vice-Chair.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
  - Isabella County recently adopted their 2019-2023 Parks & Recreation master plan.
  - Staff looking to update local parks ordinances, specifically related to bicycles on the trails and will also look at other major areas of parks ordinances to modernize and include topics not currently covered (i.e. drones in parks, etc.) Once completed, the P&R Comm. will review and refer to City Comm.
  - Parks action items on the City Comm. agenda for 1/28/19:
    - Replacement of Toro Workman Utility Vehicle with John Deere Gator
    - Purchase of a Toro 10' mower
    - Request approval of Storm Drain Painting Project
  - Mission Creek restroom is now open; camera system installed.

Comm. Little inquired about the plan for concession area. Looking to Friends of the Dog Park as a possible fundraising opportunity.

- Parks staff working on a variety of projects and updates including parks shop (shop and bathroom floor resealing), maintenance on shop equipment and blowers, trimmers. Plowing trails, and addressing cemetery burials. Prepping for new seasonal staff orientation and interviews.

B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:

- 35<sup>th</sup> annual Daddy Daughter Date Night this Sunday, 1/27.
- Man vs. Mountain Saturday 2/2 (over 400 participants registered) Added Kids vs. Crag event to be held behind Mountain Town. Staff currently recruiting volunteers.
- Youth basketball started at Morey Courts this Saturday, 1/19.
- PEAK Update: Staff getting ready for CACFP audit. CACFP is a grant reimbursement program for healthy snacks. Administrative assistant Cheryl Puhlman will be retiring this year. Staff working on position justification.
- Chippewa River Trail Designation – Director Longoria and major partner Jon Breithaupt from the CRWC are gathering stakeholders, Intern Nikki Murphy helping with application and required attachments, which is due June 1. This supports **Goal #4** in the **Master Plan**: Improve the Chippewa River Corridor and its tributaries.  
Member Little – does this application address water quality? Yes; staff is working with MDEQ.
- Special Event Committee – Director Longoria meeting with representatives from all departments from across the City to address the increase in special event applications.

## **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Master Plan Calendar – Public Meetings are being planned for early to mid-April. Dates to be finalized once approved by City Comm.

B. Capital Improvement Planning - New six-year plan is required for Mt. Pleasant due to new state planning requirements; therefore we will be transitioning from a five-year to a six-year plan (2020 – 2025). This plan will be put in place after the master plan meetings, as this input is critical. Input from commissioners is desired and was sought by Director Bundy, with the current Parks and Recreation plan priorities as a starting point:

Develop partnerships  
Maintenance & development  
Trails, pathways & river corridor  
Facility development & accessibility  
Recreation programs and services

C. Bicycle Use in Parks – This item discussed during parks report on ordinances.

**OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** - none

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:58