

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, October 16, 2007  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:08 by Vice-chair Baumgardner.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Members Present: Baumgardner, Carlson, Daniels, Frost, & Seaman
  - B. Members Absent: Cooper
  - C. Staff Present: Baderschneider, Bundy & Way
  - D. Guests Present: None
  - E. Public Attendance: Two
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES.**
  - A. Under Section VI, Old and New Business, add item B – Credit Cards.
  - B. Motion by Comm. Baumgardner, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 25, 2007. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
  - A. **Parks:** Mr. Baderschneider reported that staff finished sealing another restroom floor with an epoxy coating to improve aesthetics and maintenance. Staff is also using herbicide in parks for weed control. A press release has been sent to the paper, radio stations and put on the website. There has been some citizen concern regarding using budget dollars for weed killing. Staff has responded that this is being done to develop a stronger turf base. Discussed possible solutions to loose dirt leading into the farmer's market pavilion. One of these solutions includes additional signage directing citizens to barrier free entrance.
  - B. **Recreation:** Mr. Bundy reported on the following programs:
    - **PEAK** - Fall 2% requests have been submitted to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. PEAK has been working to be increasingly self supporting as it depends heavily on 2% funds for support and operation. Though these monies are welcome and needed, PEAK

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has been trying to reduce its dependency on these funds as they are not a guaranteed form of revenue into the future. At the request of senior management, Recreation staff has been working on a contingency plan in the event 2% funds for PEAK are not renewed.

- PEAK "Lights On After School" event and fundraiser is being held Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> as Spinning Wheels.
- Rosebush PEAK held an open house with a "Willy Wonka" theme to promote and introduce PEAK to families in the area.
- Other PEAK happenings:
  - Staff is producing an informational PEAK video to help promote the program.
  - Staff attended the Chamber Business Expo to help promote the program and other Parks & Recreation events.
  - PEAK has been involved in Girls on Track with the final event coming up in December.
  - PEAK continues to work with CMU Public Television to sponsor the literacy program "Family Fun Ed-Ventures".
- CRC – The City Commission has given its approval to Mr. Bundy as the City's CRC representative to vote in favor of the CRC entering into a lease agreement with a local investor group to construct and operate an indoor recreation facility. The facility will be attached to the existing ICE rink and will contain 8 gyms, 2 of which will be multi-purpose, fitness space, teen space, food court, racquetball and other support facilities. No pool is in the design. The Morey Foundation has committed funds to the project. Comm. Frost highlighted the fact that no input for the design or operation of the building was sought from the Parks & Recreation Commission and it is important to distinguish the building and programs developed by the investor group do not belong to the City. Mr. Bundy replied that even though the building does not belong to the city, it will be a good opportunity to offer programs that the City was previously unable to provide.
- Corn Maze – This event will be held beginning Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, replacing the Haunted Forest event.
- Grants – Mr. Bundy updated the Commission on Island Park Infrastructure grant and the Access Recreation grant (which has been awarded) that extends the trail at Chipp-a-Waters Park to make it universally accessible. Comm. Frost to serve on committee that will administer this grant (committee convenes in November). The Community Foundation has hired an individual to manage grant funds.

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- Other Recreation News –
  - Start Smart Soccer is finishing up a successful season.
  - Mom/Son event “The Amazing Race” was held October 13<sup>th</sup> with 39 couples. Several downtown business sponsored event.
  - There are 6 fall adult volleyball teams participating this season.
  - The 5-6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball program has been cancelled due to gym conflicts. Staff looking at re-formatting program to run after the first of the year.
  - There is a new skateboard/mountain bike shop in town and they will be holding a skateboard competition at the skate park on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Zoning District: The Planning Commission set a public hearing at their last meeting for Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, with the purpose of gathering information and input. If they vote in favor of moving forward, they will make a recommendation to the City Commission, who will ultimately be responsible for making the decision regarding this issue. Comm. Frost asked for some background on the Indian Pines property. Mr. Baderschneider discussed the master plan and gave background on the priorities for this property, including the 2004-2009 master plan.

A motion was made by Comm. Frost, second by Comm. Carlson to request a joint meeting with the Planning Commission prior to the public hearing on November 1<sup>st</sup> regarding Park Zoning District. **Motion Carried.**

A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Frost to draft a resolution reiterating the Parks & Recreation Commission’s points opposing Park Zoning District with a copy sent to the Planning Commission and City Commission. **Motion Carried.**

- B. Credit Cards: Staff has had many requests to take credit cards at the Parks & Recreation desk. A proposal was submitted to finance department to accept credit cards. City sent out a request for proposal and received a bid from Fifth Third Bank. Fees based percentage of usage and “swipe” process. Preliminary costs would be passed on to customer based on 2-3% of processing costs. Staff is proposing to accept credit cards in office only using swipe process for one year, and then progressing to online registrations in 2009. A recommendation will be presented at November’s meeting outlining credit card proposal and increase in fees. This

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recommendation will also go to the City Commission for approval. Comm. Frost asked that staff get input on fee structure from other communities.

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Comm. Seaman asked if there are any plans in the works to organize a youth ski trip. Mr. Bundy will work with staff to investigate options.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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