

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-Chair Cooper.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Members Present: Baumgardner, Carlson, Cooper, Daniels, Frost, & Seaman
 - B. Members Absent: Collison
 - C. Staff Present: Baderschneider, Bundy & Way
 - D. Guests Present: Tony Kulick, City Planner
 - E. Public Attendance: Two
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES.**
 - A. There were no changes to the agenda.
 - B. Motion by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Baumgardner to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 24, 2007. **Motion Carried.**
 - C. The board accepted the resignation of Chair Jim Collison.
 - D. With the resignation of Chair Collison, Vice-Chair Cooper accepted the position of chair, thus leaving a vice-chair vacancy. A motion was made by Chair Cooper to nominate Comm. Baumgardner as Vice-Chair, second by Comm. Frost. **Motion Carried.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lori Gillis, 902 W. Michigan: Mrs. Gillis spoke in favor of Park Zoning and establishment of park boundaries.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Parks:** Mr. Baderschneider reported that staff has been directing their efforts towards turf development, aerating and weed prevention. New sealant has been put on restroom floors. Minor vandalism reported in Island Park south restroom. Comm. Daniels pointed out that the dirt on the east end of the farmer's market pavilion is unstable and certain citizens were having a hard time getting inside the shelter.

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- B. **Recreation:** Mr. Bundy reported that summer PEAK had 485 enrollees. There is a video available of the Super Summer Showcase if interested. After school PEAK enrollment is currently at 250. Numbers will increase when cooler weather arrives. The Lights on Afterschool event will be held Thursday, October 18th at Spinning Wheels. Two CMU RPL classes doing fundraisers to benefit PEAK. Registrations are currently being accepted for adult volleyball and basketball, also youth basketball. Punt, Pass and Kick to be held Wednesday, October 3rd with the regional event being held in Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, October 13th. Fall youth soccer began this Sunday with 387 participants. Girls 9-10 age group numbers are down. We again received the bid to hold the J.O. Girls Youth Softball tournament in 2008 (early July). Start Smart soccer up and running with 4 sessions. The Amazing Race, a mother-son event, will be held in Island Park on Saturday, October 13th. Staff working with Pacers Swim Club sponsoring pre-competitive swim workshop. Staff changed name of "Special Recreation Service" to "Access to Recreation". This program is available to all citizens. Youth bowling league and learn to bowl starting at Riverwood. A number of volunteers working within department, including a Public Relations major. Recreation staff handled youth tent during Main Street Live and Mardi Gras. Comm. Frost asked about Haunted Forest. This year staff has partnered with Papa's Pumpkin Patch to do Corn Maze. Comm. Frost also asked if there was an update on CRC. Mr. Bundy to attend CRC board meeting on Friday (9/28) to review site plan and address parking issue.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Park Zoning District: Chair Cooper updated the commission on Mr. Bundy's memo of September 24th and noted Mr. Kulick's attendance to answer questions. Planning Commissioner Gillis spoke in support of the proposal. The Planning Commission proposed to create a new zoning district for city parks with the belief that a new zoning district would provide more protection for parks and gives the Planning Commission increased oversight of future park developments. After further discussion and questions, a motion was made by Vice-Chair Baumgardner, second by Comm. Frost to support staff's recommendation to discontinue further consideration of a proposed parks zoning district. **Motion Carried.**
- B. October Meeting Change: A reminder that the October meeting has been moved to Tuesday, October 16th due to a conflict in the Commission chambers.

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VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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