

**Approved Minutes  
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, April 26, 2011  
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:02 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
- A. Commission Members: Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, Roberts
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
- C. Guests: None
- D. Public Attendance: Several CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Under Part VII. Other Business, add A. Volunteer needed for Isabella County Parks Study Committee.
- B. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2011.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- A. Presentation of donation from “Free Throws for their Future”
- A check in the amount of \$138 was presented from Justin Foote, representing CMU RPL Class 430. This money will be used towards recreation scholarships.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
- City Comm. passed resolution to pursue additional grant funds for the Access to Recreation Trail. Grant deadline June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - In addition, City Comm. also passed resolution to seek grant funding from the Michigan Passport Program to re-pave a portion of the Riverwalk Trail from Broadway to Mill Pond dams. Projected cost of project is \$75,000 with maximum grant dollars request set at \$30,000. Project is included in the 2012 C.I.P. Grant deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- Park Ranger interviews scheduled for 4/28/2011.
- Seasonal Park's staff has been hired and orientation held.
- Staff working on fountains at City Hall and Nelson Park, getting them operational for summer.
- Parks has ordered 25 trees through the Street Dept. tree planting program to be planted near Riverside Cemetery, Island Park and Horizon Park. Staff using GPS to identify and map trees in parks system; GPS also allows staff to photograph tree, document treatment and follow-up (will use this for emerald ash borer).
- Staff also working on Island Park ball diamonds.

B. Recreation – Rec. Manager Riaan Anthony reported on the following programs and events:

- Unable to provide daycamp at Kinney school on Good Friday as facility was closed that day.
- Spring Break camp held at Kinney school with 26 participants.
- Flashlight egg hunt for teens held at Island Park on 4/17 with 100 participants.
- Egg Scramble held at Finch Fieldhouse on 4/23. Approx. 1,300 kids attended and 450# of food was collected and donated to local food pantry.
- All four sections of Start Smart Tee ball are full.
- Staff Carol Moody is updating her CPR instructor certification and will be good for two years.
- Environment Day for all local 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, sponsored by Isabella Conservation District, to be held at Chipp-a-Waters Park on 5/20.
- In order to recruit more parent coaches, Recreation staff offering free participation for spring soccer and tee ball.
- In order to recruit more coaches, spring soccer delayed by 3 weeks. Good response received from parents and first game re-scheduled to start June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Softball teams down – using media outlets to recruit more teams.
- With MPPS extending the school year, staff had to move tennis by one week and reconfigure the first week of summer daycamps.

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- Applied for additional spring 2% funding specifically for West PEAK after school and high school tutoring. The amount requested is the difference of what was not received this past fall.
- As part of a class requirement, CMU Marketing 499 submitting a plan to increase enrollment at Fancher & McGuire afterschool PEAK.
- PEAK students to attend CMU baseball game on 4/29/11.
- End of afterschool PEAK-nic scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Currently accepting registrations for Summer PEAK. Payment plans also available. Final interviews being held for summer staff.
- Working with website consultant to update Recreation part of new city website – launch date Sept. 2011.

## VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Advertising Policy - Mr. Anthony gave a brief overview of advertising policy, asking for comments. A motion was made by Comm. Moreno, second by Comm. Boyle to support the Recreation Advertising Policy as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- A. Volunteer Needed for Isabella County Parks Study Committee

A representative is needed to sit on an ad hoc committee being formed to work with other government entities to coordinate efforts and deliver a report to County Comm. to make county parks self sufficient. Chair Robert Roberts will represent MPPR Comm.

Comm. Daniels commented on how nice it looks at Chipp-a-Waters Park. Staff updated Comm. on the \$2,000 Home Depot grant for stain and other materials as well as several volunteers to do additional work at park.

## IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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