

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, February 22, 2011
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:03 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS** – The Comm. welcomed new members Amanda Boyle and Amy Perschbacher.
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Moreno, Perschbacher, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: One
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – No changes made and the agenda was approved as presented.
 - B. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. Carlson to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 26, 2011.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Discussed Parks responsibilities in the cemetery. Staff also keeps the roads plowed in the winter months.

Chair Roberts asked about the cemetery records project. Clerk staff working with a volunteer student group to get records online.
 - Staff busy plowing city facilities, trails, park roads and parking lots.
 - Working on summer planning as well as repairs and painting of picnic tables and interior restrooms. Also beginning summer employment process.

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- Staff looking to purchase large, pull behind blower for snow removal.
- Home Depot volunteer group to assist with staining pavilion and restroom as well as tree planting and spreading playground surfacing at Chipp-a-Waters Park in early May. Home Depot to donate supplies.
- Purchasing an additional three sets of bleachers for Island Park softball fields with a Community Foundation Grant.

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

- Staff Anthony, Bundy and VanHevel attended the annual MRPA Conference.
- DDDN was held Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 1st at the Comfort Inn.
- K-6th grade youth basketball running at Morey Courts.
- Summer Program Registration Night to be held at Morey Courts on Thursday, Feb. 24th from 5-7 pm.
- Staff developing a policy to sell advertising space in monthly Leisure Guide.
- Daycamps for school's out days being held at Kinney School.
- Staff continuing to pursue daycare licensing of Morey Courts. Consulted with contractor and Union Township Building Inspector to identify items requested by state fire marshal.
- Mom & Son Snow Tubing event held at Snow Snake on Feb. 5th.
- Start Smart Tennis being held at Morey Courts with 15 participants.
- Staff Carol Moody, Certified CRP Instructor, has been conducting CPR classes for Girls on the Run coaches.
- PEAK Fundraiser at La Seniorita's made \$200 to be put towards the scholarship fund.
- A check for \$4,027 was presented to the PEAK Afterschool scholarship fund for 2010 from JC Penney. JC Penney Afterschool Roundup is a fundraiser for after school programs in the area. Sales clerks ask customers if they would like to round up their purchases to the next dollar.

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- With Secondary PEAK 2% short funded this past fall, staff to eliminate high school tutoring after 2010/2011 school year and will require a nominal fee for West PEAK afterschool beginning in fall of 2012. Currently these programs are free to participants.
- PEAK staff working with YSU and Art Reach to offer programs in afterschool PEAK.
- PEAK Summer Camp to be held June 27th – August 5th. K-3rd grade programs to be offered at Ganiard and Vowles, while 4-8th grade will be held at MPHS. Camp runs from 7:30 am – 5:30 pm.
- Upcoming PEAK Fundraiser – appearances by Antonio Brown and Frank Zombo.

VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Spring 2% Requests – Parks looking to write a request for the “Green Bike Maintenance Initiative” and a request for funds to acquire the property east of Chipp-a-Waters Park.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Comm. Daniels suggested the department do some public relations on special events in the parks, including information on why the city requires liability insurance. Staff Anthony, Chief Gomez and Public Information Officer Browne are currently working on establishing a special events policy for the city.

Mr. Bundy reminded the Commission that input is still being sought on the Regional Center property. City must make a decision by mid-April.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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