

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, March 22, 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: Alsager, Boyle, Carlson, Daniels, Perschbacher, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: 3 CMU Students
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Under Part IV. Old and New Business, add A. Access to Recreation Grant.
 - B. Approval of Minutes — A motion was made by Comm. Carlson, second by Comm. Daniels to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 22, 2011.
MOTION CARRIED.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no public comments.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
- A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following update:
 - Staff Jason Van Liew moving forward with his training towards achieving PBG II. (front end loader, plowing, playground inspector, chemical applicator).
 - Parks to hire annual summer seasonal positions; have about 8 returnees. Also, Parks is involved in the hiring process of 3-5 Park Ranger positions.
 - Rec'd approval from the Home Depot Foundation to proceed with project at Chipp-a-Waters. Staining of pavilion, planting and playground surfacing planned for May 19th.

Chair Roberts asked about the meetings being held regarding walkability and connectivity. Discussion ensued.

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Chippewa Watershed Conservancy – Mr. Bundy reported that a grant was received from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative for signage (directional, resources and mileage) in key areas along the Chippewa River including areas around the City and they are currently gathering input. 2011/12 capital budget includes resources towards signage along Riverwalk Trail, including mapping and internet based information.

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

- Daycamps held at Kinney School on March 3-4. Spring Break Camp to be held March 28–April 1.
- Learn to Play Hockey running Session 3 with 42 participants.
- Staff Moody and Anthony participated in WCFX Staff Meeting.
- Great Egg Scramble and Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt planned for April.
- Currently accepting registrations for spring programs – tee ball, soccer and adult softball.
- Offering adult “Get Golf Ready in Five Days” at Golf Center 4/25-29.
- Youth basketball program finished season.
- PEAK activities include:
 - YSU visiting all sites.
 - Activities with Art Reach
 - Tumble Time Cheer
 - Summer registration now available
 - Planning for before and after camps

Comm. Roberts asked about the PEAK CIT Program. This is a leadership training program for teens ages 14 and 15 designed as on-the-job training. Interested teens will complete a job application, participate in an interview and be placed at a PEAK summer site under the supervision of a site coordinator, working with the younger children. Teens will be rewarded at the end of the 6-weeks with a special field trip.

- Copies of advertising policies were provided with input requested.

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VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Access to Recreation Grant Opportunity

The Parks and Recreation Commission acknowledged receipt of a letter from The MPACF Access to Recreation Advisory Committee. The advisory committee was informed of additional funds made available for past Access to Recreation Grant recipients to expand or complete existing projects. The Access to Recreation Advisory Committee is requesting the City's continued partnership by completing the barrier free pathway and installing signage along the trail at Chipp-A-Waters Park as was originally planned under the first grant.

These funds are only being made available to past recipients and no match is required. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2011 with completion date at the end of 2011 construction season.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Comm. Daniels, second by Comm. Carlson to support the opportunity presented by the MPACF to continue the partnership and apply for additional funding to complete the Access to Recreation trail loop and signage and strongly recommend the City Commission support the project without delay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Daniels said the public is questioning the requirement of insurance liability waivers for certain activities in the Parks, and suggested some public relations may help. Organized activities in the parks require insurance liability waiver, and will be part of a special events policy (in process).

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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