

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, July 24, 2012
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Alsager, Batcheller, Boyle, Daniels, Roberts
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Way
 - C. Guests: Sue Ann Kopmeyer
 - D. Public Attendance: None
- III. **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. Alsager to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 22, 2012.
MOTION CARRIED.
- IV. **NEW COMM. WELCOME & COMM. RESIGNATION**

The commission welcomed new member Jim Batcheller and accepted the resignation of member Heather Allen
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PRESENTATION**
 - A. There were no public comments.
 - B. Presentation by Sue Ann Kopmeyer on the County Parks & Recreation millage request on Tuesday, August 7, 2012.
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave an update on the Dog Park Committee:

Interested citizens group viewed related webinar and set up a matrix of locations for evaluation then went on a tour of sites. Location choice #1: Mission Creek, #2: Jamison Park area, #3: Property near Chippewa Beverage Co. (privately owned). Group sent letter to City Comm. and Union Township asking for their support via resolution. City Manager has requested information on how this is going to impact the capitol plan and options for working with the township regarding maintenance.

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Chair Roberts asked if there was a timeline for the project. Currently no timeline has been set as project in early stages and group still seeking potential revenue and support from appropriate boards. The citizen group would like to see the dog park concept continue to move forward.

Comm. Daniels asked if located in a City Park, would the City regulate. It would be with the hope of keeping citizens group involved with planning and support.

Discussion took place on the development of a dog park. Input to the City Comm: The P & R Comm. is in support of working with a citizen group and Union Township to develop a dog park and supports moving the project to 2013. Dog Park is highlighted in the current master plan and the 2013-2017 capital plan. As a potential dog park process moves forward, the P & R Comm. would like the following items to be considered:

- Ongoing maintenance of facility
- Current park staffing limitations
- Safety of dogs/citizens
- Policing of the site

B. Recreation – Director Anthony reported on the following programs and events:

- Staff helped with Access to Recreation Bridge dedication on 6/16.
- CMU Athletics requires City staff working at the Intramural fields during softball to be certified in professional rescue and this training has typically been provided by an outside resource. Carol Moody is currently certified to teach first aid/CPR; with additional training she plans on becoming certified to teach this course as well.
- Last Walk Mt. Pleasant is Thursday, Aug. 2 at Mill Pond Park.
- Start Smart Golf had 13 participants; last meeting included a trip to the Putt Putt golf course.
- Farmer's Market underway; will survey farmer's to ask if they would like to move the market to another location during the MASA tournament in 2013.

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- 130 teams participated in the MASA State Softball Tournament 6/28 – 7/1; received good feedback.
- Adult: Softball has 3-weeks left; sand volleyball underway. Drop-in soccer moved from Sunday to Tuesday evenings. Kickball league planned for September.
- Partnering with OmBodies to offer free Yoga in the Park; plan in the works to offer free Zumba at sand volleyball courts.
- Tennis lessons @ Island Park into its second session.

- Camp PEAK into its 4th week. Participation as follows:

2010	2011	2012
347	351	380

VII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital Projects Update –

- Mill Pond Project– includes resurfacing of trail from Broadway to dams, wooden footbridge replacement and bridge maintenance (slat replacement). Bid includes weir repair as alternate. Bid opening Tuesday 7/31, requesting City Comm. approval at 8/13 meeting.
- Island Park – asking City Comm. for approval of funds to add extra parking near south shelter.
- Mapping Project (Phase I) – gave overview and showed features of interactive map for website. Phase II includes design of maps and brochures.
- Yost Field – Presented conceptual plan which includes parking lot, playground, small open air pavilion, (small) splash pad and updated ball field.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Roberts commented that the City Commission has proclaimed the month of July as **NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARKS MONTH** and encourages all citizens to celebrate healthy, active lifestyles.

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Comm. Daniels commented that the bridge dedication for the Access to Recreation Trail was well received by the Brandell family and appreciated the hard work of staff.

No August meeting, next scheduled meeting is September 25, 2012.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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