

**Approved Minutes
Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, October 22, 2013
7:00 p.m., City Hall**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by Chair R. Roberts.
- II. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Nagler, Roberts, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Anthony, Bundy, Hofer
 - C. Guests: None
 - D. Public Attendance: 1 CMU Student
- III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Removal of section C. in Old and New Business.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Comm. Winslow, second by Comm. Batcheller to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 24, 2013. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - A. There were no public comments.
- V. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy gave the following report:
 - Fall operations taking place within parks with spray park, fountains and restroom closures as well as grounds maintenance including leaf mulching, removal of sports netting.
 - Seasonal staff members have been reduced to one, who is taking care of downtown grounds and flower beds.
 - A volunteer from the community met with C. Bundy to adopt Nelson Park flower beds and will work closely with parks staff.
 - Yost Field is into construction phase and is moving along well. Fence is up around field and complete project is estimated to be done by early December 2013.
 - Chipp-a-Waters Park is having septic problems and may require additional service in spring 2014.

- Currently working on the Chippewa River Riverbank Restoration project at Chipp-a-Waters. Due to massive flooding early this year, the infrastructure of the banks has sustained substantial damage. Staff & contract engineers are revising original plans to reconstruct the bank. DEQ has allowed original bank reconstruction; staff awaiting permit.

B. Recreation

- Recreation is closing out fall programs including, Mom and Son Golf Outing, Farmers Market, Fall Youth Soccer and Adult Kickball for the 2013 season.
- Youth programs overall are seeing an increase in participation.
- Staff is working on a Volunteer Recognition program to honor the community members that donate their time for MPPR programs.
- Final Farmers Market is Thursday, October 31st. There will be a pumpkin craft station for youth to participate in. Saturday Farmers Market concluded October 12th.
- C. Moody is putting together a Farmers Market advisory committee to increase awareness and communication of Farmers Market among staff, vendors and customers.
- PEAK had its annual Lights On Afterschool fundraiser at Spinning Wheels and was a big success. As part of the Lights On event, PEAK sold paper light bulbs at Ric's Grocery Store and raised funds \$425 to go toward the PEAK scholarship fund.
- PEAK staff attended the Michigan Afterschool Association Conference in Grand Rapids October 18th.

VI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. Nelson Park Covered Bridge Naming

- C. Bundy presented the Park Facility Naming Recommendation to the commission with supporting documentation. After discussion Comm. Batcheller moved, second by Comm. Nagler to recommend the naming of the proposed covered bridge after the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club, to be constructed at Nelson Park per resolution and upon completion of the following:
 - Receipt of agreed upon donation from Rotary Club.
 - Bridge to meet City staff standards.
 - Full completion of bridge.

B. Dog Park Update

- C. Bundy provided updated status. Dog Park was approved and costs will be split three ways: Friends of the Dog Park, Union

Township and the City of Mt Pleasant. Currently funds are being sought by the Friends of the Dog Park. Any grant funds received will decrease amount owed per organization evenly. Construction of the dog park is anticipated in 2014. The Parks and Recreation Commissioners were pleased with the outcome and the coordination among organizations involved.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- Comm. Winslow suggested seeking a youth or young professional commission member in the future.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm