

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 27, 2016
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:03 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Busch, Little, Nagler, Stressman, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Way
 - C. Public Attendance: None
- IV. **COMMISSIONER UPDATE**
 - A. Welcome New Commissioner
 - Peter Little
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Add Item VI. A. Set Public Hearing Ross Bench Agenda approved by consensus with change.
 - B. Approval of Minutes - Motion made by Comm. Busch, second by Comm. Winslow to approve the minutes of Tuesday, June 28. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**
- VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
 - A. Set Public Hearing Ross Bench Donation – A motion was made by Comm. Busch, second by Comm. Stressman to set public hearing for Tuesday, Oct. 25. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**
- VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. **Parks** – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - Indian Pines Update** – Gates installed at Valley Rd & Summerton with sign identifying as City Park. Park boundary and rules signage also installed. This signage also allows for enforcement of rules. Park hours are 8 am – 10 pm (follows Township park hours). Challenges include lack of parking and parking on right-of-way. Director Bundy met with property owners regarding their concerns.
 - Potter Playground** – benches and plaques are in-house (6). Concrete in for accessibility to pavilion; also electrical for drinking fountain and lights. Pavilion scheduled for installation in October.
 - Mill Pond Park Riverbank Protection & Trail Repave** – Stone protection added to areas of the riverbank from Leaton to Adams Streets; contractor (Isabella Corp) on track to mill and repave the GKB Riverwalk Trail along this route to be completed by Oct. 12 (weather permitting).

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant Project (GLRI Grant)

Bids have been received for tree removals at Mill Pond and Chipp-a-Waters Parks with focus on dead ash trees along the GKB Trail and riverbank areas to be completed this fall. Tree revetment riverbank protection will take place at Chipp-A-Waters Park also to be complete this fall as part of Phase I of the GLRI Project. Native plantings, tree purchase/planting will take place in 2017 as Phase II of GLRI grant in cooperation with SCIT.

Nelson Park Gazebo project – Bids received for Nelson Park Gazebo; designed to match Rotary Bridge. Estimated completion date December 2. 2017 plan includes universal access walkway from gazebo to lower level fountain area.

Island Park Shelter roof replacement – work to be completed in spring of 2017.

B. Recreation

- Youth soccer, Start Smart soccer and flag football – programs underway with record numbers. Fields are looking great.
- Adult Kickball – we have none teams playing on Mondays at Island Park.
- PEAK Afterschool is underway. “Lights On” event celebrating afterschool programs being held at Finch Fieldhouse on Oct. 20. CMU-RPL 431 taking on this event as their class project.
- Glow Run held Sept. 9 with 190 runners and approx. 60 volunteers, most of them from CMU Sports Event Management program. This event ran as a pilot but is likely to continue next year.
- Teen Cardboard Fortress Battle taking place Oct. 11 at Island Park. This program is a partnership with Veteran’s Memorial Library.
- Farmers’ Market will wrap up Oct. 8 (Saturdays) and Oct. 27 (Thursdays). Cooking demos have been very well received. Double Up food assistance program continues to grow.
- Man vs. Mountain 2017 – initial planning underway; race to be held Saturday, February 4.
- Great Egg Scramble – funding for this event is being explored through sponsorship. If no funding secured it will not take place in 2017.
- Staffing – Currently, Recreation has one field-study student and one intern on staff. Hiring process has begun for PEAK Coordinator position. Interviews are scheduled for Oct. 27-28.
- Sponsorships – packet has been finalized and staff in process of developing potential sponsor list.
- Field Use Policy – Working on developing policy for all outside programs and event to ensure consistency and costs being covered.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recap of Potter & Yost Community Builds – Both projects successfully completed with assistance of the public; A time lapse video of builds can be viewed on City website thanks to MAC TV.
- B. TimberTown 2.0 Design – Project needs \$156,000 total to reach goal of \$400,000. Patronicity Campaign underway; MEDC will match up to \$50,000.

Donated concrete park prints from the original TimberTown project will be made available to the original 1994 donors.

IX. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** - none

X. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:07 p.m.