

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2017
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m.
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members: Batcheller, Busch, Fisher Little, Stressman, Winslow
 - B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy , Longoria, Way
 - C. Public Attendance: None
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Under VII. Old and New Business add Item C. Horizon Park Improvements. Motion by Little, second by Stressman to approve agenda for April 25, 2017. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Busch, second by Winslow to approve the minutes from Tuesday, March 28, 2017. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none
- VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - GLRI Grant – Bay Landscaping won the bid for replacement trees which will be planted at Nelson, Mill Pond & Chipp-a-Waters Parks starting first week of May weather dependent. Because the bid came in under budget, City Comm. approved using remaining grant funds to purchase additional trees and shrubs at bid pricing.
 - Several seasonal employees currently on board with remainder starting sporadically throughout the next month after schools & colleges let out for summer.
 - Park staff working with Recreation programs to keep restrooms open for sports practices (until Rangers start on May 1).
 - B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
 - PEAK summer camp sign ups in progress. Group interviews held 4/22; staff training set for June 15-16.
 - First week of camp starts June 21 @ Island Park. Morey Courts is backup for rain days. Discussion with Comm. members regarding camper safety and staff ratios for outdoor camps.

- Evaluating West PEAK for next school year; with 6th graders coming into the school what changes can we expect and also evaluating community offerings for special needs students at the high school level.
- Spring soccer/t-ball practices have begun; first games 4/28-29.
- Great Egg Scramble had perfect weather and was well attended.
- USAJO Softball tournament up to 103 teams (6/29 – 7/2).
- Adult softball fees approved City Comm.; registration is now open.
- Hannah's Bark Park – Communication sent to members reiterating rules and explaining the reason for these rules; considering holding another Canine College.

VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Island Park Playscape Project Update – City Comm. approved recommendation regarding additional funds.
- ✓ Engineered wood fiber ordered
 - ✓ Central Concrete donating trucking and labor for 71 cu yds. of concrete
 - ✓ Isabella Corp & Malley have also volunteered labor to finish concrete
 - ✓ Volunteer recruitment ongoing
 - ✓ Food and water donations are coming in
 - ✓ Day of build lists are completed
- B. Story Walk – This feature was included as part of the design recommendation of Timber Town 2.0 to the City Commission. It was also decided to wait on this project and look at additional funding options to be completed at a later date. Currently the Chippewa River district Library System, Friends of the Library, and CMU public Broadcasting are interested in partnering with the Parks Department to conduct fundraising and development efforts towards this project. Additional information will be forthcoming at a later date.
- C. Horizon Park Improvements – MHT Housing which operates Chase Run Apartments (located directly east of park) is interested in donating \$50,000 towards improvements at Horizon Park. Current improvements include: updating restrooms (new LED lights, stall doors and fixtures), AED, paved walkways to fitness trail, upgrading dugouts, updates to ball diamond infield, restripe tennis court and parking lot, rehab basketball courts. Other suggestions from commissioners included accessible route to playground area and safety netting for softball field.

VIII. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chippewa River Water Festival to be held July 9. Contact Commissioner Liz Busch for further information or sponsorship opportunities.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT** – 8:05 p.m.