

Approved Minutes

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

I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

II. **CALL TO ORDER**

III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

- A. Commission Members Present: Batcheller, Busch, Fisher, Little, Stressman
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way
- C. Public Attendance: None

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – Motion by Stressman, second by Fisher to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Little, second by Stressman to approve the minutes of June 27, 2017. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

VI. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Parks – Director Bundy reported under Old/New Business.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
 - Flood clean-up
 - Fall program prioritization
 - Currently taking enrollments for fall youth programs.
 - Glow Run cancelled (Sept. event). Supplies ruined in flood event.
 - Farmers’ market moved back to Island Park on 7/6. June 29th market was moved to Morey Courts parking lot.
 - PEAK Community Services day held at Island Park earlier today. Camp PEAK hosting the Super Summer Showcase on 8/2; camp ends 8/4.

VII. **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. PEAK Agreement with Renaissance Public School Academy – City Comm. approved agreement to run an afterschool program at RPSA. PEAK will license RPSA and run the program from dismissal to 6:00 pm on school days. RPSA will provide two full-time teachers, use of the facility at no charge, all supplies and transportation. PEAK to provide site coordinator and one staff, and will keep all revenue from registrations.
- B. Flood Update - Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - Island & Nelson Park have re-opened after flood event with some remaining damage areas to be repaired. Lower Pickens remains closed with major damage. Mill Pond dam area closed with

washouts along the trail in that area. Some plantings from the GLRI project survived but at least ¼ will need to be replaced. Washout on trail from Nelson to Island Park is reopened but with temp fix and caution signs.

- Warming house, Merchants building, and Ball Field Buildings and electrical shed sustained major water damage with disposal of all contents necessary. Parks and Recreation staff spent many hours cleaning and removing debris from buildings and removing damaged wall board and insulation in the buildings with power washing and cleaning all building interiors to prep them for repair. Parks Director will continue working on coordinating the solicitation of quotes for contractor repairs and insurance and state flood funding opportunities.
- Ball diamonds at Island Park and lower Pickens fields require flood repair. Park staff has spent many hours making them safe. Much of the silt and sand has been removed from infields and outfields. For infields much of the playing surface has been lost, playing surface material will need to be added and graded with reconstruction of batters boxes and pitchers mounds. For outfields many sink holes are beginning to show making fields again unsafe and contractor repair will also be required.
- Shuffle board building damaged as well as the courts.
- Parks Director has spent multiple days with FEMA & MDEQ staff and MMRMA insurance adjuster touring all parks and staff has been compiling photos and details on damage and loss in Park areas and Buildings.

Finance Dept. asked Director Bundy to reprioritize Parks 2017 & 2018 capital projects to free up funds to repair park flood damage. Director Bundy will provide a proposed updated project reprioritize list at next P&R Commission meeting. Brief Discussion took place on current and future park project priorities.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Busch commented on the Chippewa River Water Festival held on July 9. It was originally scheduled to be held at Island Park but was moved to Mill Pond Shelter due to the flood event. The organizers were pleased with the venue and the event was well attended and deemed a success.

Commissioner Busch also requested to have rustic camping at Indian Pines be put on the next Parks and Recreation Commission agenda for discussion and consideration.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:47 p.m.