

# APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:00 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
  - A. Commission Members Present: Batcheller, Barber, Busch, Little
  - B. Commission Members Absent: Alsager, Irwin, Stressman
  - C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy , Moody, Way
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
  - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – V. Public Comments add Item A. Mt. Pleasant Little League Update, and VIII. Old & New Business add Item C. Master Plan. Motion by Batcheller, second by Busch to approve the agenda with changes. Motion unanimously carried.
  - B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Busch, second by Barber to approve the meeting minutes for Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Motion unanimously carried. Motion by Busch, second by Batcheller to approve the special meeting minutes for Monday, August 6, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - A. Mt. Pleasant Little League Update and Request– Mr. Jeremy “Rit” MacDonald was in attendance at the meeting representing Mt. Pleasant Little League. Director Bundy gave an update and overview of the joint 2% request between the City of Mt. Pleasant, The Township of Union and the Little League organizations of both the City and Township to enhance fields in anticipation of hosting the 2019 12U State Championship in Mt. Pleasant.

In addition to the 2% enhancements, Mr. MacDonald, on behalf of the Mt. Pleasant Little League, spoke to the Commission and requested support for the installation ball field lighting at one of the upper fields at Pickens and a desire for Little League to install footings and wiring for the lights yet this fall. To complete the project the light poles and lights would be installed in the spring prior to the aforementioned state tournament. Mr. MacDonald communicated that the Mt. Pleasant Little League would cover the cost of purchase, installation, and ongoing energy costs for the ball field lighting.

Director Bundy indicated he had reviewed the preliminary plans for adding lighting and recommends approval pending further design review and specifications that meet the City’s lighting ordinance.Motion by Batcheller, second by Barber to recommend, to the City Commission, approval for the addition of lights to one field at Upper Pickens and that the lights meet local lighting ordinance with all cost for

the installation, maintenance, and ongoing electrical be covered by Mt. Pleasant Little league. And further a use agreement to be established between the City and Little league for ongoing use, maintenance, and replacement for the ball field lights. Motion unanimously carried.

## VI. SET PUBLIC HEARING

Motion by Busch, second by Barber to set public hearing for Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, Ling bench donation. Motion unanimously carried.

## VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:

- DNR Gladwin Office requesting expansion of hours for deer check station at Chipp-a-Waters Park starting now until Jan. 15, 2019. The DNR is requesting this expanded use due to the increase in chronic wasting disease found in counties South of Isabella.
- Horizon Park MHT housing Donation update- As approved the following work has been completed to date as part of the MHT donation:
  - Updated LED Lighting in the restroom
  - Updated PVC stall enclosures
  - Updated Hand dryers and soap dispensers
  - Concrete walkways
  - Permanently mounted picnic tables & benches.
  - Updated drinking fountainRemaining items to be completed this fall include:
  - Updated sinks, faucets in women and men's restrooms
  - Add baby changing stations to both restrooms
  - Tree planting
  - Court repair
- Lodge at TimberTown completed
- Mission Creek restroom and warming area construction in progress. This restroom will be heated year-round facility.
- Amphitheater Project – bid package almost complete; still waiting on DEQ permit. If not received in the next few weeks completion of this project will need to be moved to 2019. Director Bundy has been meeting with Taylor Idema on design and Taylor is working on a newsletter to keep project donors informed of the project's progress.

### B. Recreation

- PEAK afterschool is off and running. The redistribution of the lower grades has leveled the enrollment numbers at each site, which are running at approx. 30-40 students per day.
- PEAK was recently featured in Epicenter, a new online publication.
- Glow Run held Sept. 14 with 163 runners and 48 volunteers. It was a successful event!
- Registration has opened for 2019 Man vs. Mountain (2/2/19).
- Currently accepting registration for youth volleyball, dodgeball and fall basketball.

- Farmer's market wrapping up (Thursday market ends 10/25 and Saturday is finished on 10/13). The Saturday market scheduled for Oct. 6 will be moving to Island Park for this one day due to CMU Homecoming parade.

**VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Youth Bowling Fees & Charges, after discussion, the following recommendation for the adoption of the 2018 fees and charges for a Youth Bowling Program offered by Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation was made by Commissioner Batcheller and supported by Commissioner Busch.

WHEREAS, Chapter 97.04 of the City Code authorizes the City Commission to establish by resolution fees and charges for recreation and parks services and facilities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends that the following fees and charges become effective immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Directors are authorized to effect minor adjustments to the following fees and charges in order to maximize citizen participation and effect positive community cooperation in recreation and parks services.

Learn to Bowl Program	\$120
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Resolution unanimously adopted.

B. Community Pool – Following discussion at the July Parks and Recreation Commission meeting commissioners agreed to support the community pool movement and asked that a resolution of support be prepared for the City commission and for additional information regarding the *Swim Friends of Mid-Michigan Aquatic Study*. Based on that discussion and information provided in the study, additional discussion took place and, a motion was made by Busch, second by Barber to recommend the following updated resolution to the City Commission:

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission exists to provide input to the City Commission regarding recreation and parks related issues; and

WHEREAS, Community leadership and involvement through partnerships with community organizations is a crucial element in the accomplishment of that charge; and

WHEREAS, The Swim Friends of Mid - Michigan is an organized community group who has commissioned an aquatic consultant and conducted a feasibility study on establishment of a community Pool in our area; and

WHEREAS, the Swim Friends study and other studies and surveys done since 2003 have shown a high interest and need for a public aquatics facility in the Mt. Pleasant area, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission understands that the construction and operation of a community-wide pool facility cannot be accomplished by City resources alone.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission recommends the City Commission seek interested partner organizations to pursue the establishment of an indoor aquatic center to benefit area citizens and families and further supports the formation of a Recreation Authority consisting of area governmental units for the sole purpose of constructing, maintaining, and operating an indoor aquatic facility.

Resolution unanimously carried.

- C. Master Plan – Committee chose the company McKenna out of Northville, MI to prepare the City Wide Master Plan. Director Bundy will provide a more detailed timeline of master planning process to the commission once the kickoff meeting is held.
- IX. **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – Comm. Busch was happy with the quick response to parking concerns at Sunnyside Park during Soccer events.
- X. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:55 p.m.