

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

7:00 p.m., City Hall

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 7:01 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**
 - A. Commission Members Present: Alsager, Barber, Batcheller, Little, Stressman
 - B. Commission Members Absent: Busch, Irwin
 - C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Way
 - D. Welcome New Member Megan Barber
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**
 - A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Batcheller, second by Barber to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
 - B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Stressman, second by Barber to approve meeting minutes held April 24, 2018. Motion unanimously carried.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none
- VI. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Adopt-a-Bench Program – Public hearing opened by Chair Little; no public comments made so hearing was closed. After discussion, benches were approved for the following:
 - Zonta Club of Mt. Pleasant, 65th Anniversary, 2017
 - Leone Weber, In loving memory, From your tennis friends, 2017
- VII. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - Working on repairs from flood including trail at Mill Pond Park and riverbank work.
 - Concrete repairs at Island Park’s TimberTown 2.0 from flooding.
 - Lodge completed at TimberTown with tribal woodworkings installed.
 - Mission Creek Restroom bid has closed. Bid specs were prepared for the construction of standard restroom facility that also included an optional concession/warming space. Also included is an option for an add-on shelter similar to the facility at Horizon Park. Base bids came in higher than budgeted amount of \$282,000. Staff, working with low bidder, broke down the base bid, separating the restroom portion from the concession portion. Director Bundy is writing an EMCOG grant for \$20K which, if received, could be used to fund concession portion. Friends of the Dog Park expressed interested in raising funds for the shelter (\$69,000) with potential crowdfunding campaign (MEDC could match \$10K from any one

contributor). Union Township also expressed interest in assisting with funding the restroom portion with the township board set to consider contributing \$37K towards restroom at their 6/13 board meeting. Timeline for restroom project would be fall 2018 completion.

- Interviews to fill a full-time park position will be on Tuesday, 5/29.
- CMU Athletics helping spread mulch at TimberTown and other parks as part of community outreach program called MULCH MADNESS.

B. Recreation – Director Bundy reported in Director Longoria’s absence:

- Saturday farmer’s market will be moving to E. Michigan Street (between Main & University), beginning Saturday, 6/30. Thursday market (Island Park) begins 6/7.
- PEAK-nic scheduled at Island Park on 5/24, celebrating another successful school year. Summer enrollment holding steady. PEAK staff training scheduled for June 8. First day of camps begin 6/11.
- USAJO softball tournament is at 56 teams. Pool play schedule is complete and posted. First games begin at 10 a.m. on 6/28.
- Spring soccer and tee-ball wrap up the week of 6/9.
- Planning stages for Glow in the Park 5K, scheduled for Friday, 9/14.
- Adult sports including softball, kickball and volleyball registration is ongoing. Softball numbers down; we are likely to have one coed division and no men’s division.
- Lower Pickens and Island Park field rehab project scheduled to be completed by 5/31.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mt. Pleasant Little League Scoreboard Project – MPLL received a commitment from Isabella Bank to completely donate the cost to purchase new LED scoreboards at the upper ball diamonds at Pickens Field. As the scoreboards’ sole donator, Isabella Bank’s name has been requested to appear on the boards. The City will not incur any costs to update scoreboards and will have no ongoing costs for maintenance. After discussion, a motion was made by Comm. Alsager, second by Comm. Batcheller to support the MPLL request to update the scoreboards at Pickens Field and allow the donator’s name (Isabella Bank) to appear on the scoreboards. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Painting of Catch Basins in the Parks – as part of a collaborative effort between the City, SCIT, Art Reach and Chippewa Watershed Conservancy, the group would like to launch a pilot program called “storm drain painting project” at Island and Chipp-a-Waters Parks. The group would paint catch basins in the parks with stencil art designed by local artists with educational outreach opportunities promoting public education and engagement on storm water and stewardship of the valuable water resources we have locally. Director Bundy will invite the group to a future meeting for further discussion and potential recommendation to City Comm.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 p.m.