

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

City Hall Chambers

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- A. Commission Members Present: LaLonde, Little, Mitchell, Sponseller
- B. Commission Members Absent: Batcheller
- C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Biscorner, Way

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by LaLonde, second by Sponseller to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by LaLonde, second by Mitchell to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting Tuesday, May 9, 2023. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks & Recreation – Director Biscorner reported on the following:
 - Parks Maintenance Plan – should receive a rough draft from consultant by next week.
 - Recreation Needs Assessment – last one done was in 2012; this survey will focus strictly on programming. A consultant will be hired for the survey and assessment report, and is approved in the 2023 budget. Once the assessment is complete, and based on the needs outlined, the City will look at filling the empty position, vacated by Ryan Longoria, in 2024.
 - M20 Pedestrian Bridge Replacement – signing agreement with contractor; project to be completed by June 2024.
 - GKB North Trail Loop – City has been conditionally approved for a \$400,000 TAP Grant. Waiting on MDOT for project timeline.
 - Mill Pond Dam Structure – consultant inspected dam & riverbanks, with the recommendation to leave current structure in place, and with proper maintenance and riverbank protection the City should get 50+ years from this dam.
 - Horizon Park Pickleball courts – work has commenced on the conversion of the tennis courts to pickleball courts.
 - Community Garden at Horizon Park is finished with all 15 plots rented.
 - Beat the Heat programming underway (formerly Thrilling Thursdays), Wednesdays through August 9.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Donation request Pickleball Club – Club has asked City parks for \$1,000 towards wind slats to reduce airflow in fencing. After discussion, motion by Mitchell, second by LaLonde to deny request. All Ayes.
- B. Request from FODP for play equipment at Hannah’s Bark Park – FODP purchased doggie play equipment for the bark park and is seeking approval to install (to be done by Parks staff). Motion by LaLonde, second by Mitchell to approve installation of play equipment at Hannah’s Bark Park. All Ayes.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. LaLonde commented that her out-of-town friend was very impressed by our park trail system.

Director Biscorner commented that wayfinding for the GKB Trail is in the 2025 C.I.P.

City's new website is up and running, and there are several work in progress areas.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:40 p.m.