

# APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

6:30 p.m., City Hall

**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A. Commission Members Present: Barber, Busch, Little, Mitchell, Sponseller

B. Commission Members Absent: Batcheller

C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way

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

A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Sponseller, second by Busch to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Mitchell, second by Sponseller to approve the minutes for the meeting held Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:

- 3 new Full time staff training underway
  - Two staff attending Great Lakes Parks Training Institute this week.
  - CDL (commercial driver's license) required for all parks staff; two have completed testing; third in training for future testing. Heavy equipment training is ongoing to receive parks and grounds II status.
  - Certified Chemical Applicator training & exam ongoing
  - Attending Certified playground safety training in Novi in April
  - FEMA training ongoing
- Currently accepting application for seasonal positions; parks intern attended CMU job fair in February to help recruit for summer.
- Staff removing some trees in Island Park in preparation for new trail loop and bridge project. This bid was awarded to Isabella Corp and is scheduled to start late June early July (based on delivery of new bridge).
- Working with contractors to get quotes for repair skate park fencing, and painting High Street pedestrian bridge.
- Irrigation being added to three ball fields in Island Park; work to proceed this spring by Thielen Turf Irrigation who was the lone bidder on the project.
- Other 2019 projects include replacement of mausoleum room at Riverside Cemetery, Park bridge deck replacements, update septic system at Chipp-a-Waters Park, update fishing decks at Millpond Park.

- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
- Under the Big Top in partnership with CRDL & My104.3 held Feb. 7 at Morey Courts. This was a new venue for the event and it was very well received.
  - Man vs. Mountain held Sat. Feb. 1 with approx. 380 participants. The event was very successful; great weather, great post-race atmosphere at Mountain Town. Congratulations to Steve Hofer for running a great community event.
  - Spring/Summer planning for: Egg scramble, downtown events, farmers market.
  - PEAK summer camps to be held at Ganiard and Fancher schools.
  - Spring sports enrollment open for soccer, tee-ball and Start Smart.

### **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Master Plan Public Meetings and Next Steps – 100% plan is on the City's website; Parks and Recreation section is book #4. City Comm. hosting multiple open houses for public comment, which are highlighted on the website [www.mtpleasant2050.com](http://www.mtpleasant2050.com). Public hearings will also be held at upcoming Parks & Recreation Comm., Planning Comm. & City Commission meetings.
- B. Water Trail Update – Union Township is applying for 2% grant with the City and Isabella County listed as project partners, which would cover one half of consultant's fee. The other half will hopefully be covered by a grant from the Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network (WIN), which is being applied for in the next week or so.

Comm. Busch discussed Chippewa River Water Festival which will be held on September 19 @ Island Park from noon to 4. Currently recruiting volunteers.

### **OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7:00 p.m.