

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

City Hall Chambers

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – Kristin LaLonde

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- A. Commission Members Present: LaLonde, Little, Hamel, 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 Sponseller, second by LaLonde to approve the minutes from the special meeting Tues., January 31, 2023. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Biscorner reported on the following:
 - Discussion ongoing between tennis and pickleball groups. Looking at a viable solution, which may include 1) rehab tennis courts at Horizon Park to pickleball 2) Add lines on courts at Island Park with temporary nets or 3) add pickleball courts to Island Park (would need to secure a permit from EGLE).
 - Projects – M20 Bridge Replacement – Fall 2023
 - Nelson Park Shop mostly complete, awaiting a few minor things.
 - Island Park South restroom – looking at April/May finish (re-roof final phase).
 - Ice Rink shut down due to inconsistent temperatures.
 - Parks Maintenance plan – officially started today. Staff has hired a consultant for this project (Barry Dunn Consulting) and will be sending out a SWOT survey to commission members for input or comments on operations.
 - Director Biscorner announced to the commission that Ryan Longoria will be leaving the city as of March 2 and that he has been named interim Parks & Recreation Director.
 - Chair Little commented on how the trails are being plowed and look great.
- B. Recreation – Lisa Way reported on the following:
 - The Great Egg Rec 'N Ramble to be held Saturday, April 1 from 1-4.
 - Farmer's Market will celebrate their 50th anniversary this year. Vendor registration information will be available mid-March.
 - Staff Moody will be presenting at the Michigan Farmers' market Association annual conference and the Michigan Library Association Conference about our "Cook the Kit" program.
 - We received a grant to offer food safety programming at the markets.
 - Start Smart Sampler begins the week of March 13.

- Under the Big Top Circus was held Feb. 10th at Morey Courts in partnership with Chippewa River District Library, My104.3/Buck 92 Radio. More than 750 people attended the FREE carnival/midway games and enjoyed a live juggling performance & refreshments.
- Interviews are underway to fill various Recreation/Farmer's Market Assistant positions.
- Winter basketball season wrapping up 2nd week of March with over 300 participants.
- Youth spring sports are open for registration.
- Adult sports offerings are now open for registration as well.
- Camp PEAK & daycamp registrations were set to open today; however, with poor weather conditions and school closings the date was moved to Thur., March 2.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS - none

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Comm. Mitchell asked about the resident vs. non-resident ratios for sports.

Comm. LaLonde is glad to hear of our library collaborations (Cook the Kit, Storybook Trail).

ADJOURNMENT – 6:25 p.m.