

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, January 28, 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, Batcheller, Busch, Little, Mitchell, Sponseller
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way
- C. Introduction of New Commissioner: Brian Mitchell

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Busch, second by Sponseller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Sponseller, second by Busch to approve the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, November 19, 2019. Motion unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- A. Nominations Election of Chair & Vice Chair: Floor opened for nominations by Chair Little.

Commission Chair Election: Busch nominates Little, second by Batcheller.

There were no other nominations. Voting took place and members unanimously elected Pete Little to stay on as Chair for 2020.

Commission Vice-Chair Election: Busch nominates Sponseller, second by Batcheller. There were no other nominations. Voting took place and members unanimously elected Brian Sponseller as 2020 Vice-Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Mr. Bundy introduced Parks Intern Steven Green who was in the audience. Mr. Green will be with us for 30-weeks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - City Commission approved naming of Field 1 at Island Park after Kaye Bouck. This took place at their Nov. 25, 2019 meeting.
 - GameTime grant – new playground for Sunnyside Park has been delivered and is being stored at Island Park; planning a community build during the 2020 fall soccer season and is set for the weekend of Sept. 19.
 - Three full-time parks staff are on board and working a rotating weekend schedule. All are currently undergoing heavy equipment training and playground safety inspector training as well as standards of care for all parks and public spaces maintained by the Parks Department.

- Friends of the Dog Park are currently fundraising for lighting the dog park. Cost of the project is approx. \$12,000. Those interested in donating to the project can go to the Friends of the Dog Park website.
 - Grant received from the Mt. Pleasant Area CVB to place bike repair stations at Nelson and Island Park and in Town Center (late spring installation). Also committed is \$10,000 towards the 2020 Island Park ballfield irrigation project.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
- Christmas celebration – this was Recreation’s first year running the event.
 - Winter basketball started Saturday, 1/26 at Morey Courts with approx. 300 participants.
 - Daddy Daughter Date Night held Sunday 1/27 at Comfort Inn.
 - Man vs. Mountain – Saturday, Feb. 1. There are 300 pre-registered runners.
 - PEAK to have all staff training in February.
 - Summer planning for Thrilling Thursdays, Back to the Bricks, PEAK Camps.
 - Chippewa Watershed Trail Project – creating MOU for inter-agency agreements and commitment of support. Next discussion will be to develop a plan for fund solicitation. Chippewa Watershed Conservancy will be fiduciary for project.
 - Received \$4,000 grant from Mt. Pleasant Area CVB to promote Man Vs. Mountain.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Master Plan Update – staff is now in possession of the 100% plan for review; the document will be available to the Commissioners and the public next Monday, February 3rd on the City’s Website.
Chair Little asked about the Community Pool Initiative and if an authority has been formed? And should we have a master plan goal/objective to more specifically address this? City is included in the Recreational Pool Authority along with Union Township and others. Additional discussion ensued regarding the pool and master plan.
- B. Capital Improvement Planning (CIP) 2021-2026 – As this is a major part of the Parks & Recreation portion of the City-Wide Master Plan and will become a document sent to the MDNR, Director Bundy reviewed the proposed Parks CIP with the commission. Final input and feedback was requested so it can be added to the 100% Master Plan document that reflects public input that was received. Comm. Busch asked if skate park equipment is included in playground equipment? In the 2020 operational budget \$12,000 is earmarked to update & repair skate park including fencing.

A motion was made by Batcheller, second by Mitchell to support the 2021-2026 Parks CIP as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Director Bundy also gave an overview of the 2020 CIP and Operational Projects.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 p.m.