

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Electronically Conducted Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION OF PARKS & PUBLIC SPACES DIRECTOR, PHIL BISCORNER

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM – ROLL CALL AND LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

- A. Commission Members Present: Batcheller, Little, Mumford, Sponseller, Woodworth
- B. Commission Members Absent: Busch, Mitchell
- B. Parks and Recreation Staff: Biscorner, Brune, Longoria, Way

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Batcheller, second by Mumford to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Mumford, second by Sponseller to approve the Meeting minutes from Tuesday, May 25, 2021. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Set Public Hearing Adopt-a-Bench Program
 - 1. Kiwanis Club – motion by Batcheller, second by Sponseller to set public hearing for Sept. 28, 2021. All yes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Coordinator Brune reported on the following:
 - Parks & Grounds welcomed new full-time employee Alan Mosher. Alan started his duties on Monday, July 26.
 - The remaining pieces of fitness equipment at Island Park along the new trail loop has been installed.
 - Member Batcheller thanked Craig Brune for the handling of the Parks Director position in the interim.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
 - PEAK six-week camp ends July 30.
 - Balanced calendar afterschool PEAK Sites (Pullen, McGuire) begin Aug. 9.
 - PEAK is experiencing staffing challenges similar to other businesses.
 - Final planning underway for “Glow in the Park 5K” on Friday, Sept. 17.
 - Fall soccer and flag football practices start week of Aug. 16.
 - Farmer’s Market and Thrilling Thursdays are both doing extremely well with many compliments to Carol Moody and staff for their planning and creativity.
 - Discussion involving ticketed or for profit events in the parks and how we want to handle potential future event requests.

- USA Junior Olympic softball tournament begins Friday, July 30-Aug. 1 at Island Park with 8 teams competing in the U16A Division. Tournament world is seeing a decrease across the country.
- Man vs. Mountain – the development next door to city hall (Parcel B) has created challenges with the finish line area. Staff planning/looking at other city property to hold the race.
- Chipp River master plan is close to wrap-up.
- Christmas planning has begun; fireworks have been approved for Dec. 4 launching from Island Park.

Comm. Woodworth offered her compliments to Carol Moody and staff on the Thrilling Thursday themes.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Parks Ordinance Revision – earlier this year the commission reviewed changes to the existing park ordinances and made a recommendation to the City Commission regarding these changes. Inadvertently there was an omission of content from the legal team’s final amendatory version.

Affected section:

Page 32 of Title IX of the Mount Pleasant, Michigan, code book, division (B) of Section 97.99.

(B) *Criminal misdemeanor.* Any person violating the following designated provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in § 10.99: (the following was inadvertently missed in the previous adoption):

§ 97.15(A)(1) and (3) (C)(1) and (2)	Park property
§ 97.16(A) and (B)	Sanitation
§ 97.17(B)	All-terrain vehicles
§ 97.18(D)	Recreational activities
§ 97.19(A) (G) (H) (K)(2)	Behavior

Upon review and discussion, motion by Batcheller, second by Mumford to recommend that the City Commission adopt the corrected revision of Page 32 of Title IX of the Mount Pleasant, Michigan code book, division (B) of Section 97.99. All Ayes.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:23 p.m.