

# Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 28, 2020  
6:30 p.m., Island Park Amphitheater

**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. Commission Members Absent: Fisher
- 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 Batcheller, second by Mitchell to approve the electronically held meeting minutes Tuesday, June 23, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
  - The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), is a federal Grant program which was established in 1965. The program provides funding for Federal, State and Local Park projects. Over the past 50 years the program has funded 42,000 state and local park projects with every state having received funding from the program. The City has received funds from the LWCF in the past for local parks projects but over the years annual funding has been sporadic for the program. Congress has now authorized “The Great American Outdoors Act” which passed with bipartisan support and has been sent to the President’s desk where he is expected to sign it into law. The bill would authorize \$900 million annually to be set aside from off shore oil and gas revenues and used specifically for federal, state, and local parks projects. This would provide additional funding grant opportunities for future parks and recreation related projects.
  - Seasonal staff numbers are at 12 (normally 20+). Staff working hard to keep up with mowing and maintenance. Horizon and Sunnyside restrooms to open up for soccer season (mid-August). Other restrooms not open are Mill Pond and Mission Creek.
  - Mt. Pleasant Baseball Association, Mt. P Drillers Softball, and MPLL all held tournaments in the parks. City worked with these organizations to limit field use and spectator attendance and still provide safe and successful activities for kids.
  - Lions Club Chicken BBQ, postponed until September, will be adjusted for this year to a Lions Club Cookie sale.

Chair Little inquired if Parks would be able to add seasonal staff yet this year? City has opened hiring to applicants and we have received two applications and we have hired one of the two.

Member Busch commented the work on the amphitheater looks nice.

B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:

- Meeting next week to move forward with next phase in the development of the Chippewa River Master Plan. Timeline to finish by end of fall.
- Movies by Moonlight scheduled in August has been cancelled. Decisions need to be made soon regarding pumpkin promenade and Christmas celebration as planning needs to begin.
- Adult Sand Volleyball continues on Thursdays at Island Park.
- Pop up Camps (Fun in the Park) being held at Chipp-a-Waters Park with 16-20 kids. This runs through Aug. 13.
- JO Girls Softball Tournament scheduled for August with nine teams. Problem with reschedule to this date is that it interferes with high school volleyball, so many teams opted to drop.
- PEAK afterschool – staff met with superintendents to discuss what fall PEAK would look like. Staff to submit a formal plan to Senior Management.
- Farmers’ markets going well at both sites.
- Fall soccer and flag football enrollment deadline is 7/29/20.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

A. Current Parks Project update

- Island Park Bridge and Trail project – 8’ wide trail has been roughed in; new Vets Bridge was delivered today and will be set in place tomorrow. Fitness equipment has been delivered (fitness features will be placed along the south side of the park along the trail). Trail project should be completed in three weeks, weather permitting and fitness equipment and trail amenities to be added this fall.
- Nelson Park walkway project complete; project was partially funded by Isabella Bank. Will also be adding a bike repair station at Nelson as well as one in Town Center and in Island Park by the end of the week. Donation from the CVB made bike stations possible.
- Skate Park – Turned 17 years old this year. Repairing chain link fence and adding an additional fence rail to reduce future fence damage, also replacing fencing on north and south ends of the facility and updating signs and gates. Project should be complete in early August.
- Septic upgrade at Chipp-a-Waters Park restroom is complete. Hydroseeding done by contractor will be re-done again this fall due to hot and dry weather.
- Cemetery mausoleum roof replacement to start next week. The material which will be used has a 20-year warranty on material and labor.
- M-20 Pedestrian bridge is rusting and needs sand blasting and paint. Staff working with M-DOT, may be moved to 2021 due to M-DOT unexpected requirements.
- Replacement of fishing and bridge decks scheduled for 2020 but may be moved to 2021 due to limited contractor availability.
- Island Park ball field irrigation project complete.

B. Master Plan update – Planning continues on potential virtual town hall meetings. Planning, P&R, and City Commission will hold public hearings prior to adoption.

**OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT – 7:01 p.m.**