

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall Chambers

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME NEW MEMBER – Easton Hamel

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Batcheller, second by Hamel to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Sponseller, second by Mitchell to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, March 29, 2022. All Ayes

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Biscorner reported on the following:

Current Park Projects:

- Canal Street – awaiting EGLE permit; bid ready to go once received.
- Island Park Restroom addition & Nelson Park Shop remodel – both projects approved by the City Comm. on 7/25 and have been awarded to Denali Construction. Completion date will be by November 15. Storage/pole building (alternate) at Nelson Park came in over budget.
- Pickle ball courts crack repairs
- Replacement of M-20 pedestrian bridge is in the 2023 CIP budget; Director Biscorner requested partial funds be moved to 2022 in order to start the engineering and permitting process.

Comm. Batcheller commented on the planks that are bowing on the bridges at Nelson and Mill Pond Park. Staff is aware and coming up with a solution to deal with this issue.

- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following

- Adult softball league running on Tuesday evenings at the CMU IM fields.
- Fall soccer and flag football registration deadline has ended; staff is working on forming teams and recruiting coaches.
- Thrilling Thursdays ongoing through 8/18, downtown and in the parks.
- Farmers' Markets have been very busy, good vendor and partnership participation.
- Nature Crusader Program wrapped up today, 7/26. Staff collaborated with CMU Outdoor Recreation.
- PEAK Grant Funding – we received a second round of childcare stimulus.

- Movies by Moonlight – starting this Saturday, 7/30 at City Hall, 8:45 pm.
- Glow in the Park 5K – staff will light up the GKB Trail for a 5K on Oct. 14.
- Battle of the Local Vocals – working with the Morey Foundation, finals to be held at the Island Park Amphitheater on Aug. 17 with a \$5,000 top prize.
- 2023 Budget – included \$50,000 for a Recreation Needs Assessment & Asset Inventory.
Comm. Little asked about the last master planning process; Director Longoria stated that it needed more emphasis on Recreation.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Adopt-a-Bench/Table Discussion – staff is proposing procedural changes, and the commission agrees. Director Biscorner will bring an updated policy to the commission for further review and consideration.
- B. Dog Park Hours & Potential Change – a request was made by Friends of the Dog Park to extend the hours of Hannah’s Bark Park to coincide with the closing of Mission Creek Park. Currently the bark park closes at 10 p.m. and the park closes at 11 p.m. After discussion, motion by Sponseller, second by Batcheller to extend closing time of Hannah’s Bark Park to 11 pm. All Ayes.
- C. Pickle Ball Sign Request – a local pickle ball group has asked to hang a sign (during the season) on the fence advertising their website. It will be their responsibility to remove or replace if damaged.
- D. Pavilion Rental Discussion – we are running into issues where certain groups refuse to leave the pavilion area during a rental. Staff has been working with public safety and city attorney and to propose a 25’ buffer zone, which will allow police leeway when responding.
Comm. Little suggested removing the walls in the shelters to open them up.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT – 6:58 p.m.