

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
ELECTRONICALLY CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
6:30 p.m., City Hall

CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- A. Commission Members Present: Batcheller, Busch, Fisher, Sponseller
- B. Commission Members Absent: Barber, Little, Mitchell
- C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Bundy, Longoria, Way

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Busch, second by Batcheller to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Batcheller, second by Fisher to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:
 - o Spring Flooding – lower Pickens remains closed, all other trail areas reopened.
 - o Like many other communities the City has hired a reduced seasonal park staff at present, and are evaluating next steps based on health official recommendations and Governor's orders associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.
 - o Parks/facilities currently open: all City park playgrounds specifically including Hannah's Bark Park, skate park, spray park, IP South restroom, Yost and Pickens restrooms. Planned openings July 1 include Chipp-a-Waters and Nelson restrooms; currently planned Horizon & Sunnyside opening for fall sports seasons. Potential to open Mill Pond and Mission Creek Restrooms if able.
 - o Work will begin at the Island Park Trail and Bridge project beginning July 6th. Contractors will begin by installing the new south bridge abutment then move to Pickens and install the north abutment and remove the old existing bridge. Work on the trail will begin mid-July with the total project complete and a new bridge installed by the end of August.
 - o Contractors currently installing irrigation at Island Park ball fields which will be completed by July 2.
 - o Mausoleum roof work will start mid-July and will take 10 days to complete.
 - o Nelson Park concrete work will begin in early July and will take about 2 weeks to complete.
 - o Lions Club chicken BBQ tentatively rescheduled for Sept. 20 at Island Park

- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
- o Youth programming: Looking to run pop-up camps in our local parks, in two-hour blocks starting after the 4th of July holiday (20 children per group).
 - o Staff beginning to meet with schools regarding fall PEAK.
 - o Adult leagues being offered include softball, kickball and volleyball, to begin early July with a shortened season.
 - o Youth fall soccer and flag football are online and ready for registration.
 - o JO Tournament rescheduled to Aug. 13-16, numbers are down due to conflict with high school volleyball. Met with CVB board and hotels are available during this time.
 - o Farmers’ markets – Thursday market in its fourth week and Saturday market started June 20 (in Town Center).
 - o Looking to bring on Recreation seasonals mid-July. At this time utilizing full-time staff as much as possible (farmers’ market, field mowing).

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Tribal 2% Allocations Spring 2020 – PEAK received \$95,730 and in partnership with Union Township \$18,340 for Chippewa River Water Trail Master Plan.
- B. Master Plan Update – because of cancellation of open houses (due to Covid-19 pandemic), staff is working to develop options to provide additional opportunities for the public to react to the draft plan. Separate public hearings will be held at some point in the process with the Parks and Recreation, Planning, and City Commissions before the end of the process. Once the City Commission approves of steps moving forward Director Bundy will provide an update to the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- C. Capital Improvement Plan – Because of COVID-19, state share revenue will be impacted. Staff worked on a plan to move projects that could be postponed. Director Bundy suggested moving Parks projects in the CIP forward one year, saving funds in 2021. Staff is not sure at this point to what level state shared revenue will be affected in the coming year; updates will be forthcoming.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - none

ADJOURNMENT – 6:56 p.m.