

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

City Hall Chambers, 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

- A. Members Present: Batcheller, Little, Mitchell, Sponseller
- B. Members Absent: Jones, 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 Mitchell to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Sponseller, second by Batcheller to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, October 26, 2021 and Wednesday, November 3, 2021 meetings. All Ayes.
- C. Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates – motion by Mitchell, second by Sponseller to approve the 2022 meeting schedule.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, January 25, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, March 22, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, April 26, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, May 24, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, June 28, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, July 26, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
August – No Scheduled Meeting		
Tuesday, September 27, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, October 25, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Tuesday, November 22, 2022	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
December – No Scheduled Meeting		

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

- A. Nominations & Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair –Floor opened for nominations for Chair. Mitchell nominates Little for Chair, second by Sponseller. All Ayes. For Vice-Chair, Sponseller nominates Mitchell, second by Batcheller. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Biscorner reported on the following (included in report are Old/New Business Items B. CIP & 2022 Parks Projects & C. DNR Trust Fund Grant Application)
- DNR Trust Fund Grant Application & North Trail Connector – the original planned pathway came in over budget; revised pathway to start at Broadway & Harris and will run north to Mission Creek Park along Harris/Crawford. Some details/easements still need to be resolved. If budget projections are met the plan is to start the project at this time next year.
Motion by Batcheller, second by Sponseller to recommend that the City Commission adopt the resolution to construct a trail connecting the GKB Riverwalk Trail to Mission Creek Park and to establish a northerly connection point for the Mid-Michigan Regional Pathway System. All Ayes.
 - 2022 Projects
 - Canal Street Park Project – initial design sent to EGLE; waiting on their approval. The plan for this park is very basic and includes a horseshoe shaped path with two benches, very small playset and plantings.
 - Island Park South Restroom – adding two family restroom to the east of the existing structure and remodel of current facilities.
 - Nelson Park Shop Renovation (to be bid with above project) – this renovation includes a larger break area for staff and updated restroom with lockers. Office area to be redesigned. Looking to potentially erect a 20x60-pole building along the north section of the property for cold storage.
 - Horizon Park Master Plan – get engineered designs to do in phases:
 - Parking Lot Expansion
 - ADA Connections
 - Add Pickleball Courts
 - Update Existing Tennis Courts
 - Remove Softball Field
 - Indian Pines Master Plan – will hold a charrette type meeting to gather input from the public. SCIT and U.T. would like to be part of the discussion. Will need to address maintenance costs and staffing levels.
 - Operational
 - Putting together a maintenance plan for all facilities & property.
 - Seasonal hiring ongoing, 20 hired so far, including 11 returning staff.
 - Repair of Island Park Pickleball Courts
 - Updating contracts with outside organizations (little & pony league, girls softball).
 - 2023 CIP
 - Mill Pond Dam Engineering
 - M20 Pedestrian Bridge
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
- Spring sports enrollment numbers are up over previous years. Soccer has 500+ enrolled and t-ball is at 80. Parents have really stepped as volunteer coaches.
 - Thursday Farmer’s market at Island Park starts May 5. Market Master Carol Moody held meetings for new and returning vendors. Saturday market starts June 18 with the original plan of being held at Broadway Central. Staff is now looking at all options.
 - Thrilling Thursdays start June 16 and runs for 10-weeks.

- Movies by Moonlight to be held all four Saturdays in August at City Hall lawn.
- PEAK Camps begin enrollment on Monday, April 4. MPPS has secured funding to send 195 students to camp. In order to make this work we will need to hire more staff. We are currently working with CMU-RPL Dept. and Mt. Pleasant High School to recruit. Must be 18 years old to apply.
- Rec-N-Ramble Event, in partnership with 95.3 CFX and many other sponsors, to take place at local businesses on Saturday, April 9. This event replaces the Great Egg Scramble, and was very well received last year.
- Exploring options with the Greater Midland Tennis Center for tennis offerings this year.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Set Public Hearing – Adopt a Bench Program – motion by Batcheller, second by Mitchell to set a public hearing for Tuesday, April 26, 2022 for bench donation (1) honoring all POW/MIA's from Forgotten Eagles Chapter 3; and (2) Honoring Milton D. Harbaum, Vietnam Veteran. All Ayes.
- B. CIP and 2022 Parks Projects – see Parks Department report
- C. DNR Trust Fund Grant Application – see Parks Department report
- D. Chippewa River Master Plan – the plan itself is complete. The next step is to come up with a governing body and who will manage the plan.
- E. Childcare Stabilization Grant – The state of Michigan offered non-competitive grants to all licensed childcare centers. Grant requirements include providing bonus pay to staff, maintain staff wages and benefits, and provide tuition relief. With PEAK holding five licenses, we were able to secure over \$600,000 in grant dollars. This allows PEAK to keep fees low for all participants well into the future. A second round of grant dollars has become available with the application deadline being May 26, and covers expenses through July 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS Commissioner Mitchell asked about snow removal at the GKB Trail, specifically the north loop at Island Park. Staff does plow the trail, and Director Biscorner provided with commission with Parks Dept. plowing responsibilities, including schedule and priorities. Staff is looking to purchase a new piece of equipment to assist with trail plowing.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:15 p.m.