

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Electronically Conducted Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM – ROLL CALL AND LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

- A. Commission Members Present: Jim Batcheller, Pete Little, Vincent Mumford, Brian Sponseller, Desirea Woodworth
All members indicated they were present in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan.
- B. Commission Members Absent: Busch, Mitchell
- C. Parks and Recreation Staff: Brune, Longoria, Way

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Sponseller, second by Mumford to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Mumford, second by Batcheller to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2021. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Interim Director Craig Brune reported on the following:
- Interviews will be conducted next week for Parks & Grounds I position
 - Mill Pond bridge deck project complete
 - Island Park pickle ball courts – footings poured and must cure for 28 days
 - Staff busy preparing cemetery for Memorial Day
 - All parks are now open. Spray park to open later this week
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
- Met with group from CMU and USTA to discuss the potential to offer tennis lessons this summer
 - Rapid testing for 13-19 yr. old athletes has been extended through June 14
 - With the lifting of gathering sizes and mask mandates, this opens up the door for event planning (i.e. Thrilling Thursdays)
 - PEAK – need summer staff; we continue to take applications
 - New scoreboards (donated by Isabella Bank) have been installed at all three ball diamonds at Island Park
 - Staff continues to work on league and shared use agreements (youth softball leagues, little league, Isabella Bank)
 - City Commission authorized the payment of \$1,500 to cover the request from Friends of the Dog Park for the lighting project at Hannah's Bark Park
 - Canal Street Park Project – staff will meet with neighborhood group Aug. 29

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Chipp River Master Plan – working on layout out 21 stops from Coldwater east to Midland (Tridge). Stops will be identified as either main use stop, secondary stop or rest stop. Director Longoria commented that the collaboration to the east and west have been awesome to work with. Draft plan will be available soon with project wrapped up by end of summer.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 6:29 p.m.