

APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, November 22, 2022
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Sponseller, second by Hamel to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Hamel, second by Mitchell to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 27, 2022. All ayes.
- C. Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates – motion by Mitchell, second by Sponseller to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. All ayes.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Address</u>
Tuesday, January 24, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, February 28, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, March 28, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, May 23, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, June 27, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, July 25, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
August – No Scheduled Meeting			
Tuesday, September 26, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, October 24, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
Tuesday, November 28, 2023	6:00 p.m.	City Hall	320 W. Broadway St.
December – No Scheduled Meeting			

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

ADOPT-A-BENCH

- A. Honoring Ed Hustoles – after discussion, motion by Mitchell, second by Hamel to approve the bench installation at Chipp-a-Waters Park per the City’s Adopt-a-Bench policy. All Ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Biscorner reported on the following:
- Nelson Park Shop Project: near completion, working on flooring & painting, waiting on cabinets.
 - Island Park Restroom Project: delayed by cinder block availability; looking at spring completion.
 - Mill Pond Dam: looking at the section remaining, the original plan was to remove; however, it is cost prohibitive so staff has been looking at options to keep and maintain. Consultant fees are in the 2023 budget for this project.
 - GKB Trail – looking to apply for a SPARK grant and lump together the proposed north connector trail project with the west campus trail connector. There is a Dec. 19 deadline for this grant.
 - M20 Bridge Replacement – looking at project completion date of late summer 2023.
 - Cameras in Parks – continuing with installation of cameras in the restroom entryways. Each package comes with four cameras, which will be positioned to monitor entry/exit of restroom doors. Horizon Park is first on the list.
 - Ice rink installation first week of December.
 - Director Biscorner asked the commissioners for input on park restroom hours. Seasonal hours are 8 am – 3:30 pm daily, (Oct. 1 to April 30). Is it cost prohibitive for us to keep them open during these times? (Island Park north, Nelson Park & Mission Creek). Chair Little stated that come sort of restroom facility should be open at all times when park is open.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
- Currently taking registrations for winter flag football, basketball and Climbing Club (partnership with CMU). All January start dates.
 - Christmas Celebration: Friday, Dec. 2 we are closing Broadway to Franklin for market (25-30 vendors), kids activities, hayrides, warming stations. Stage for music and entertainment will be set up in front of Max & Emily’s. Saturday, Dec. 3 – Jingle all the Way 5K, Pancakes with Santa at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, and 6 p.m. lighted parade with over 50 entries.
 - Recreation Coordinator Steve Hofer left the city after 10 years of service, to take the gym teacher position at Vowles and Ganiard schools. Staff went through the interview process and will announce position hire this week.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. PEAK Fees – staff working with finance on long-term sustainability plan and ways to use funds from the childcare stabilization grant to help us achieve this goal. With wages and supply costs increasing, staff is discussing the potential to increase fees, which have not been raised since 2016. Future discussion in 2023.

Recreation fees – city manager and finance tasked staff to look at how recreation fees are structured, administrative costs, and cost recovery. Currently fees are structured so that non-residents pay an additional 40% to participate in city-sponsored programs. Numbers show there is a 70-75% non-resident participation.

Parks Fees - Also looking at cost recovery in the parks. For this discussion, pickle ball was used as an example. Why do some groups pay for lights and others do not. Comm. asked about the structure of other communities and what they do. Discussed parks maintenance plan for 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Comm. Mitchell is asking the status of converting the remaining tennis courts to pickle ball courts at Island Park. He is not in favor of this conversion and is voicing his opposition based on conversations with members of the public.

Director Biscorner replied that with other tennis opportunities in the community (high school, CMU) the plan is to move forward with the project in 2023.

Comm. Mitchell would like to see the trail loop in Island Park become a plowing priority as more citizens are using this area for their daily walking.

Further discussion as to Parks Dept. plowing responsibilities. Currently, first priority is the public safety building, followed by city hall. Parks also plows a sidewalk route to the schools. Commission would like to have future discussion as to how this might be restructured so that parks parking lots and trails is a plowing priority.

ADJOURNMENT 7:00 p.m.