

# APPROVED MINUTES

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission  
Electronically Conducted Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** – 6:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM – ROLL CALL AND LOCATION IDENTIFICATION**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Mitchell, second by Woodworth to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Woodworth, second by Mitchell to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, September 28, 2021. All Ayes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - none

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Adopt-a-Bench Program – public hearing opened by Sponseller. There were not public comments; public hearing closed.
  - 1. Bonny Lyon
  - 2. Gene Kunst

Motion by Mitchell, second by Busch to approve the bench application petitioned by Julie Lyon honoring her mother Bonny Lyon and Terry Kunst honoring his brother Gene Kunst, who was KIA in Vietnam, and directs staff to complete the lifecycle agreements for the installation and maintenance of these benches per the City's Adopt-a-Bench Policy. All Ayes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- A. Parks – Director Biscorner reported on the following:
  - Working on developing a maintenance plan for all park property, to include staff tasks/time
  - Fall cleanup and maintenance
  - City Commission approved purchase of an outdoor ice rink, to be located in the ball diamond outfield, where there is access to lights and a locked gate.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
  - Youth basketball and volleyball programs are up and running at Morey Courts. The program runs one night per week with practice and games on the same night. This format has been well received by parents. Facility space at Morey Courts continues to be tight.
  - PEAK onboarding staff challenges due to delays at Comp.

- Pumpkin Promenade Downtown this Friday, 10/29 from 4-6 pm. 25 businesses will be participating.
- Christmas Celebration planning ongoing, parade and fireworks on Sat. 12/4.
- Meeting with local photographer regarding picture services for our department.
- Turf Project – researching potential option for turf and field management program and managing staff time.
- Outdoor Adventure Climbing Club being offered in partnership with CMU RPL for 7-10 year olds. Looking to do more outdoor winter programming this season.

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Sharps Containers - CMDHD has proposed placing Sharps Containers in city park restrooms. These containers will be provided by and maintained by CMDHD. After discussion, Busch and Mitchell have concerns with the plastic containers being vandalized and would prefer vandal-proof metal containers.

Comm. Busch would also like to see, along with the containers, vandal proof signage, which would include a list of available resources in our area (ICRH, Addiction Recovery, Suicide Awareness, etc.) Grant could be written for this expense.

Staff Longoria suggested an MMRMA Wrap Grant.

The metal boxes were discussed and how these could be retrofitted. Staff to look into options and will report back to commission.

- B. Chippewa River Master Plan – Few small steps needed until plan is finalized. Next steps including leveraging resources and work on development of trail. Thank you to our key stakeholders, including SCIT, CVB, Bob & Liz Busch of Buckley's Canoe, Chippewa Nature Center, Isabella County Parks and Recreation, CMU Biology.

**OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** – The Recreation Staff is looking for a volunteer tractor driver for the Christmas celebration, Friday, December 3, from 5-8 pm for tractor rides in Town Center, and on Saturday, December 4, from 6-7 pm for the parade downtown.

**ADJOURNMENT** 6:34 p.m.