

Approved Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020

6:30 p.m., Island Park Amphitheater

CALL TO ORDER – 6:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Batcheller, second by Fisher to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously carried.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Busch, second by Sponseller to approve the minutes of the electronically held meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Motion unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Received written communications from individuals supporting mountain biking in Mt. Pleasant. The correspondence were forwarded to Parks and Recreation Commissioners prior to the meeting as part of the meeting packet and incorporated in the minutes. These correspondence were also shared with the City Commission.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

- A. Public Hearing on the City Wide 2050 Master Plan – Laura Haw was in attendance representing McKenna & Associates, the City’s consultant for the Master Plan Project, to answer any questions the public or commission may have on the plan. Chair Little opened the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m. to receive public comment; there being no in-person public comment, the public hearing was closed.
- B. Consider Resolution Recommending approval of the 2050 Master Plan Document – Discussion ensued regarding Indian Pines Park and amenities that could be incorporated in the plan related to the facility. Comm. Sponseller asked about the acreage of the park? 90 acres, with nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the property north of the Chippewa River and $\frac{1}{4}$ south of the river. Because of the additional input on Indian Pines and mountain biking, staff has included an additional bullet point in the current plan in Book 4 page 24 under Indian Pines Park – *Public Input/Aspirations* heading to include the wording “develop multi-use trails with a focus on mountain biking design.”

Chair Little asked if there might be a timeline to develop a plan for the trails at Indian Pines due to the interest by the mountain biking community. Director Bundy stated that based on all input received, the *Action Plan Summary* for Indian Pines calls for the development of an overall Park plan for the site in 2022. There are additional factors to consider with the site being located outside the City limits. The timeline could

potentially be adjusted in the future with input from the City Commission and potential adjustments to future Capital Improvement Plans.

A motion was made by Comm. Batcheller, second by Sponseller in support of adopting the following 2050 Master Plan Resolution for the City of Mt. Pleasant.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission has elected to coordinate with the Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission to draft, review, and adopt a new master plan pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Master Plan Guidelines and the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008, MCL 125.3801, et seq; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Master Plan, inclusive of the charts, maps, demographic data, future land use plan, park facilities and programs and associated goals, for the City on September 22, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant hereby recommends adoption and approval of this Master Plan.

Ayes: Batcheller, Busch, Fisher, Little, Sponseller

Nays: None

Absent: Barber, Mitchell

Resolution declared adopted Tuesday, September 22 2020.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Parks – Director Bundy reported on the following:

- Capital Projects – Island Park fitness trail is nearly complete; fitness equipment installed, surfacing delivered. Native plantings along trail and pavement markings and signage will be added in October.
- Septic system at Chipp-A-Waters is complete.
- Walkways at Nelson Park complete; also added bike repair stations.
- Finishing up with the Island Park Arts Pavilion project sandblasting and sealcoating of the concrete surfaces with graffiti resistant coating along with staining of the wood ceiling. Final work will include planting of trees to the west of the shelter to add future shade for performances to be completed in October.
- New playground installed at Sunnyside Park by parks staff. Safety surfacing has been delivered and will be installed this week.
- Staff pouring cemetery foundations this week.
- Mission Creek Restroom will open November 1st for the winter months corresponding with the closing of the restrooms at Horizon and Sunnyside Parks. Other restrooms to be open this winter include North Island Park and Nelson Park.

B. Recreation – Recreation & Special Event Coordinator Carol Moody reported on the following:

- Farmer's market runs through Oct. 29 at Island Park and Saturday market ends Oct. 10. Vendors are dropping sooner due to lack of staffing.
- Fall sports have started, which include youth soccer and flag football.

- PEAK running at three K-2 sites; approval received to start at Fancher and McGuire sites on October 5.
- Fall/Winter Sports – staff met with Morey Courts and will be putting together a recommendation to senior management.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- A. Director Bundy asked if the commission would like to meet outdoors again next month, and all said yes. He also reminded everyone to fill out their Census and to vote.
- B. Commissioner Busch asked if we had a Covid policy relating to sports, and referred us to the Central Michigan Health Department website for good resources.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:10 p.m.