

APPROVED Minutes

Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

City Hall Chambers

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES & COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Changes/Approval of Agenda – motion by Mitchell, second by Batcheller to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes.
- B. Approval of Minutes – motion by Batcheller, second by Hamel to approve the minutes from the meeting Tuesday, July 26, 2022. All Ayes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Parks – Director Biscorner reported on the following:
 - Nelson Park Shop Renovation & Island Park Restroom project are moving forward. HVAC & Plumbing installed in park shop; rain is hindering concrete work at Island Park.
 - Adopt-a-Bench discussion from July is tabled until we hear from legal; staff is looking to make some changes to the policy.
 - Dog Park Hours will be extended until 11pm.
 - Master plan includes future pickle ball courts at Horizon Park. Staff is considering taking the money from this project and putting it towards converting remaining tennis courts at Island Park to pickle ball courts. Currently, tennis courts are available for use at the high school and CMU.
- B. Recreation – Director Longoria reported on the following:
 - Fall soccer & flag football are coming to a close with 600+ participants.
 - Farmer’s Market – Saturday market last day is Oct. 8, and Thursday will be Oct. 27.
 - Glow in the Park 5K scheduled for Oct. 14 starting at Island Park.
 - Pumpkin Promenade scheduled for Oct. 31 downtown Mt. Pleasant. (Parks staff to remove seating areas starting Nov. 1).
 - Christmas planning meetings ongoing; activities planned for Dec. 2 & 3.
 - PEAK sites are all running with consistent numbers. Met with representatives from MPPS to debrief summer school and to discuss how 2023 will look.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- A. Gratiot-Isabella Great Start Collaborative Literary Panels – with grant dollars received, GIGSC is looking to place three literary panels in our parks (sample pic). All agreed this would be a great addition; discussed end of life for the panels and replacement.
- B. Canal Street Park Update – bids received for the project were well over budget. Staff looking at other grant opportunities with plans to piecemeal project.

OTHER BUSINESS/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Comm. Hamel frequents Veits woods and has concerns about riverbank erosion (Chipp-a-Waters Park area). Director Biscorner has a meeting set up with CMU & SCIT to discuss future riverbank protection for this area.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:32 p.m.

