

MIDLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2022  
MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 P.M.

APPROVED MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Neil Rankin.

\*\*Pledge of Allegiance\*\*

- 2) Roll Call:

- a. MEMBERS PRESENT: Bartle, Billotti, Carney, McCoy, Montalbano, Rankin, Steidemann, Varela
- b. MEMBERS ABSENT:
- c. OTHERS PRESENT: Marcie Post, Assistant Director of Public Services

- 3) Minutes of August 3, 2022: Montalbano motioned, Varela seconded to receive minutes of the meeting of August 3, 2022. Motion passed 8-0.

- 4) Call to Audience: None

- 5) Adoption of FY 2022/23 Work Plan: Murphy shared the updated work plan with the discussion topics that the Commission reviewed at the August meeting. Murphy asked for a motion of support to accept the work plan as presented. Billotti motioned, Montalbano seconded the motion and the motion passed 8 - 0.

- 6) Introduction of recreation fee schedule: Murphy shared the recreation fee review schedule. The schedule is designed to give the Commission an opportunity to review staff recommendations on fee changes and to accept public input on any proposed changes before the Commission proposes the changes to the City Council for consideration. The proposed schedule includes:
  - a. October Commission meeting – Commission to review the recreation fee schedule and the recreation fee philosophy
  - b. November Commission meeting – Staff to propose revised fees for the Commission to consider
  - c. December Commission meeting – Commission to hold a public hearing to receive input on proposed fees
  - d. Mid-December Joint meeting – Invite City Council to meet with the Commission to discuss the proposed fees
  - e. December/January – First and second reading of proposed ordinance at City Council

- 7) Review of recreation fee philosophy: Murphy reviewed the current recreation fee philosophy. The philosophy has remained unchanged in recent years and has served the parks and recreation department well. The challenge each year is to ensure the fees recover adequate costs to support the fee philosophy. Murphy asked the Commission if they recommended any changes to the philosophy at this time.

Murphy asked for a motion to approve the fee philosophy as presented. Carney motioned to approve the fee philosophy and Steidemann seconded. Motion passed 8 - 0.

- 8) Fall Recreation updates: Post provided an update on the Middle of the Mitt Miracle League. The season is complete with the finish of the fall league with 40 athletes and 20-30 volunteers each Saturday. Post said she will offer spring and fall baseball again next year with kickball and whiffle ball options as well.

Post shared that the Mackinac Island Grand Experience trip was a success with the largest group at the hotel as Midland had 67 rooms. Post took three buses and 125 travelers on the trip. Promotion for the 2023 trip will start after the first of the year.

Post talked about the new online Neighbor Chase Scavenger Hunt that was part of Midland's Neighboring Week. There have been 79 downloads of the app so far and if citizens finish the hunt, they receive free recreation passes. The app is located at Eventzee.com with Code mprneighbor22.

Post shared that October 22 will be the Movie in the Park at Stratford Woods with a showing of the original Frankenstein. The backup location in case of poor weather is Central Auditorium.

9) Project Reports

- a. **Poseyville Riverfront Restoration**: Murphy shared pictures of the project site with initial excavation and clearing of vegetation completed. Some potential soil contamination has been discovered and soil samples have been sent out for testing to determine what clean up methods will be needed. The City also determined that a water main needs to be replaced and relocated on the west side of the project before work can proceed in that area. For now, construction has paused while staff awaits plans for the soil contamination removal. Bridge design is underway at this time.
- b. **Currie Stadium demolition**: Murphy shared that eight bids were received for the demolition of the stadium. The low bid came from Dore & Associates of Bay City for \$83,000.
- c. **Central Park band shell accessibility**: Murphy reported that only one bid was received for this project and was significantly overbudget. The CDBG funding requires following federal guidelines, so Murphy plans to rebid the project in phases with a base bid along with options that can be chosen if budget allows. Murphy hopes this project can happen in the spring.

10) Old Business : None

11) New Business: None

12) Adjourn: Motioned by Montalbano, seconded by Steidemann to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Murphy" clearly legible.

Karen Murphy  
Director of Public Services