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December 1, 2022

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Karen Murphy, Public Services Director

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of December 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Midland Parks and Recreation Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022. The meeting will be held in person at the Council Chambers of Midland City Hall at 333 W. Ellsworth Street and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call
- 3) Minutes of meeting of November 2, 2022
- 4) Call to Audience
- 5) Midland City Modern Master Planning – Request for Parks & Recreation Commission input
- 6) Public hearing on proposed recreation fee changes for 2023
- 7) Spark Grant application to State of Michigan for Plymouth Pool Restoration Project
- 8) Project Reports
 - a. Currie Stadium demolition
 - b. Spring tree planting grant award
- 9) Old Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) Adjourn



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December 3, 2021

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Karen Murphy, Director of Public Services

SUBJECT: Notes for Meeting of Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Midland City Modern Master Planning – Request for Parks & Recreation Commission input: The City’s Director of Planning and Community Development, Jacob Kain, will seek the Commission’s input on the City Modern Master Planning process. Included in the agenda packet is a memo from Mr. Kain with a list of four questions that he will pose to the Commission. **Please take some time in advance of the meeting to contemplate these questions so you are prepared to provide constructive input at the meeting.**

Public hearing on proposed recreation fee changes for 2023: At the November Parks Commission meeting, I shared the staff recommendations for recreation fee increases for the 2023 season as well as the rationale for the proposed changes. Attached you will find the ordinance with the proposed changes. The process now calls for the Commission to receive public comment on the ordinance as proposed and either pass it on for Council consideration or alter it for presentation to City Council. Once the public hearing has been conducted and any input considered, I will ask the Commission for a motion to present the proposed fee changes to City Council at a joint meeting with the Parks & Recreation Commission scheduled for December 19, 2022.

Spark Grant application to State of Michigan for Plymouth Pool Restoration Project: Plymouth Pool is in need of major restoration work to replace the existing stainless steel gutter system due to leaks along the backside of the gutters. In addition, there are underground plumbing features that are aging and suspected to have leaks that also need replacing. The City has hired an aquatics consultant to investigate, diagnose the appropriate repairs and create a bid document so the City can hire a contractor to make the needed repairs. The project is estimated to cost over \$2.5MM. The City is planning to apply for a Spark grant through the State of Michigan using American Recovery Plan funds. I will ask the Parks Commission to lend a motion of support for the grant application.

Project Reports

- a. Currie Stadium demolition: I will give a brief update on the project status.
- b. Spring tree planting grant award: The City applied for and received a grant for \$20,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant program. I will share details of this project.

Respectfully,

Karen Murphy

Memo



To: Parks & Recreation Commission
From: Jacob Kain, AICP
Director of Planning & Community Development
CC: Karen Murphy
Director of Public Services
Date: December 6, 2022
Re: City Modern Master Plan

The City of Midland is preparing a new master plan known as Midland City Modern. In accordance with state law, the Planning Commission is empowered to create and adopt a plan that establishes a future vision for the community and specific goals, objectives, and strategies to realize that vision. It is anticipated that the Midland City Modern master plan will be adopted in September 2023.

In order to ensure that the final plan is comprehensive and inclusive of a variety of perspectives, Planning staff are seeking input from a variety of stakeholders throughout the community as part of the plan development process. That includes the City's many boards and commissions.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak with the Parks & Recreation Commission and discuss your vision for the future of Midland. Please give consideration to the following questions that we will discuss at your December meeting.

1. What is the role of parks and recreation in today's City?
2. How do you see that role changing between now and 2050?
3. Are there aspects of the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan that have changed since adoption?
4. How can parks and recreation be leveraged to advance other goals of the City and greater community?

If you would like to learn more about this project, please visit www.MidlandCityModern.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Kain".

Jacob Kain, AICP
Director of Planning & Community Development

FIRST READ

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, MICHIGAN, BY AMENDING SECTION 21-73 OF DIVISION 4 OF ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 21 THEREOF.

The City of Midland Ordains:

Section 1. Section 21-73 of Division 4 of Article II of Chapter 21 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21-73. General recreation fees

(1)	Adult softball player	-\$ 35.00	\$ 37.00	per player
(2)	Adult softball player (2 nd team)	-\$ 35.00	\$ 37.00	per player
(3)	Adult softball player - Fall League	-\$ 25.00	\$ 27.00	per player
(4)	Each softball team in individual tournaments – Fee set on per event basis in conjunction with Midland Softball Association			per event
(5)	Youth softball player	-\$ 14.00	\$ 16.00	per player
(6)	Beach volleyball			
	2 Person team	\$ 70.00		per team
	4 Person team	\$ 140.00		per team
	6 Person team	\$ 200.00		per team
(7)	Adult kickball (10 player minimum per team)			
	Recreation League	\$ 30.00		per player
	Competitive League	\$ 35.00		per player
(8)	Ski rental (rental 2 hours or part thereof)			per rental
	Classic skis	\$ 10.00		
	Skate skis	\$ 15.00		per rental
(9)	Toboggan rental (per hour two-hour maximum)	\$ 10.00		per hour
(10)	Skate and sled rental	\$ 5.00		per two hours
(11)	Snow shoe rental	\$ 10.00		per two hours
(12)	City Forest winter packages			
	Warming House package	\$ 175.00		for two hours
		\$ 100.00		per each additional hour
	Winter Fun package	\$ 275.00		for two hours
		\$ 125.00		per each additional hour
	Toboggan Adventure package	\$ 375.00		for two hours
		\$ 175.00		per each additional hour
	Clean up if needed	\$ 100.00		per occurrence
(13)	Chalet building rental (2 hour minimum)	-\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	per hour
	Chalet rental cancellation deposit	\$ 50.00		per occurrence

(14)	Ball field rental – private tournament			
	Tournament field deposit –	\$ 75.00		per event
		or full fee, whichever is less		
	2 hour rental	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	per field
			WEEKDAY; \$ 75.00	
			WEEKEND	
	4 hour rental	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	per field
			WEEKDAY; \$ 100.00	
			WEEKEND	
	Full day rental	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	per field
			WEEKDAY; \$ 150.00	
			WEEKEND	
	Daily complex – New Redcoats fields 9-13	\$ 450.00	\$ 500.00	per complex
			WEEKDAY; \$ 550.00	
			WEEKEND	
	Daily complex – Old Redcoats fields 4-8	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	per complex
			WEEKDAY; \$ 450.00	
			WEEKEND	
	Daily complex – Emerson fields 1- 3	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	per complex
			WEEKDAY; \$ 300.00	
			WEEKEND	
	Daily complex – Optimist fields	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	per complex
			WEEKDAY; \$ 400.00	
			WEEKEND	
	Clean up fee if needed	\$ 200.00		per occurrence
(15)	Ball diamond lights – private tournament use	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	per hour
(16)*	Ball diamond grooming/maintenance – private tournament	\$ 25.00		per grooming
(17)*	Ball diamond grooming/maintenance – private tournament – Overtime	\$ 75.00		per hour
(18)*	Ball diamond grooming/maintenance – private tournament - Double time	\$ 100.00		per hour
(19)**	Picnic shelter reservations			
	Emerson C, Emerson E	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	per use
	Plymouth F(south), F(north), G, H	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	per use
	Barstow Woods A	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	per use
	Stratford Woods J	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	per use
	Chippewassee B	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	per use
	Emerson D	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	per use
	Plymouth F (entire shelter)	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	per use

	Unsheltered areas	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	per use
	Addition of a canopy	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	per request
(20)	Band shell reservation	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	per use
(21)	Delivery of bleachers	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	per section
(22)	Delivery of portable grill	\$ 40.00	\$ 15.00	per use
(23)***	City stage rental – for community events only			
	Non-profit group inside city limits	\$ 125.00	\$ 150.00	per use
	For profit group inside city limits	\$ 275.00	\$ 300.00	per use
	Non-profit group outside city limits	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	per use
	For profit group outside city limits	\$ 475.00	ELIMINATE	per use
(24)	Metal event fencing rental – for community non-profit events only	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	per trailer
		\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	for 5 sections
		\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00	cleaning fee
(25)	Delivery of picnic tables (up to 5 tables) – Fee is non-refundable. For community events only.	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	per use
	Additional tables (if available up to maximum of 10 tables) – fee is non-refundable	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	per table
(26)	Trash receptacles – up to 10 receptacles delivered to non-park locations for community events only	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	per use
(27)	Community Garden plot	\$ 35.00		per season

*Note: Fees for private tournament ball field maintenance effective starting with the 2010 softball season. All field rentals include initial field preparation (grooming and chalk lines). For private tournaments requesting special amenities or enhanced field maintenance, the director of public services may charge additional fees on a special recreation event basis to cover costs incurred.

**Note: Fees paid for shelter reservations are non-refundable.

Exceptions to (21) Picnic shelter reservation fees are as follows:

- a) Donors of shelters shall be allowed one rent free use per year in the respective donated structure.
- b) Daytime reservations which begin after 8:00 a.m. and end before 3:00 p.m. Monday – Friday from April 15 – June 30 are exempt from fees.

***Note: Stage rental is intended for community events held within the City limits or Midland County only. Stage rental fees are non-refundable.

****Note: The director of public services is authorized with the approval of the city manager to implement rates for special recreation events according to the recreation fee philosophy to recover programming costs for such offerings.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

I, Erica Armstrong, City Clerk, City of Midland, Counties of Bay and Midland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by a yea vote of all the Councilmen present at a regular meeting of the City Council held Monday,

Erica Armstrong, City Clerk

MIDLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2022
MIDLAND CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

PROPOSED MINUTES

- 1) Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Holly Montalbano.

Pledge of Allegiance

- 2) Roll Call:

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

- 3) Minutes of October 4, 2022: Steidemann motioned, Billotti seconded to receive minutes of the meeting of October 4, 2022. Motion passed 6-0.

- 4) Call to Audience: None

- 5) Change to 2023 meeting schedule: Murphy reported that the November 8, 2023 meeting date approved by the Commission at their August meeting conflicts with a standing meeting of the Cable Access Advisory Commission. Murphy suggested that the Commission consider changing their meeting to Wednesday, November 1, 2023. McCoy motioned and Bartle seconded the motion to move the meeting to November 1, 2023. Motion passed 6-0. Murphy will get this new date onto the City Calendar for 2023.

- 6) End of season report for Plymouth Pool: Post shared the end of season statistics for the pool with over 38,000 swimmers which is the biggest year Post has seen. Post said attendance hit the maximum on several days. Swim lessons were strong again this year. With 10,000 more swimmers than last year, revenue was up and so were expenses as higher bather load requires more resources. Cost recovery was at 69% which exceeds the goal of 50%. No rate changes are being recommended at this time.

- 7) End of season reports for adult sports: beach volleyball, softball and kickball: Post shared the end of season statistics for the beach volleyball league with 57 teams and 405 players. Games were all played at Stratford Woods Park. Post shared that she struggled to get referees again this year and this may result in some changes to the program for next year.

Post then reviewed the softball program and the relationship between the City and the Midland Softball Association. The Midland Softball Association (MSA) collects a total fee to play softball and the City then invoices MSA a per player amount for City services. The majority of games were played at Redcoats this season. Softball remains on the decline and some fields weren't programmed this year as a result. Post shared there were 106 teams this summer with 1,661 players. Fall numbers were down with 42 teams and 555 players. Post then reviewed the

girls youth softball. Incremental fee increases will be recommended this year for all softball leagues.

Post shared the kickball league statistics with 24 teams this year and 350 players. Games were all played at the Redcoats fields. There were no referees available this year so teams self-officiated which worked okay.

8) Proposed recreation fee changes for 2023: Murphy shared the fee recommendations for 2023 which include the following:

- Increase all softball fees by \$2.00 per player for adult and youth leagues
 - Adult summer league to increase from \$35 to \$37 per player
 - Adult fall league to increase from \$25 to \$27 per player
- Increase the fee for City Forest Chalet rental from \$50 to \$55 per hour
- Increase the fee for the band shell rental from \$80 to \$85 per hour
- Increase all pavilion and unsheltered picnic area rentals by \$5 per rental
- Increase the fee for an additional canopy from \$25 to \$30 per occurrence
- Tournament Fees
 - Add a weekend rate for field rentals as follows:
 - 2-hour rental – Weekday \$50; Weekend \$75
 - 4-hour rental – Weekday \$75; Weekend \$100
 - Full day rental – Weekday \$125; Weekend \$150
 - Daily Complex rental New Redcoats – Weekday increase from \$450 to \$500; Weekend \$550
 - Daily Complex rental Old Redcoats – Weekday \$400; Weekend \$450
 - Daily Complex rental of Optimist – Weekday \$350; Weekend \$400
 - Daily Complex rental of Emerson: Weekday \$250; Weekend \$300
 - Increase ball diamond lights from \$25 to \$30 per hour for tournament use
- Increase all stage rental fees by \$25 per use as follows:
 - Inside City limits for a non-profit rental increase from \$125 to \$150
 - Inside City limits for a for-profit rental increase from \$275 to \$300
 - Within Midland County for a non-profit rental increase from \$200 to \$225
 - Within Midland County for a for-profit rental – Eliminate this option
- Increase rental of bleachers from \$20 to \$30 per section of bleacher
- Increase rental of portable grills from \$10 to \$15 per use
- Increase rental of picnic tables from \$40 to \$50 for up to five tables
- Increase rental of each additional picnic table from \$8 to \$10 per table up to five tables
- Increase rental of event fencing as follows:
 - Increase from \$100 to \$125 for entire trailer
 - Increase from \$20 to \$30 for up to five pieces of fencing
 - Increase cleaning fee if needed from \$30 to \$50
- Swimming Fees
 - Increase Midland Dolphins fee from \$5,000 to \$5,500 for the season

Murphy asked for a motion to move the proposed fees forward to the December public hearing process. Billotti motioned and Carney seconded the motion with the motion passing 6-0.

9) Fall recreation program update: Post reported that the Grand Experience trip had 125 travelers and 67 rooms rented. Midland was the largest group at the hotel for this trip. Post shared that the Movie at Stratford was very popular with 65 cars and approximately 195 people. The weather was 65 and beautiful.

10) Beautification Awards – Save the Date: Post announced that the Appreciation of Beautification Awards will be held Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 pm in City Council Chambers.

11) Project Reports:

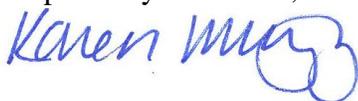
- a. **Currie Stadium demolition** – Murphy reported that the City’s Facilities Manager Tyler Abbs will be managing the project and demolition will start after November 10 as the Fire Department will be using the facility one last time for structure collapse certification. Demolition is expected to take 30 days with cleanup to follow. Murphy shared that the City will be salvaging the red gates to repurpose in a historical display to remember the stadium. The City will also salvage a concrete column with historical flood markings dating back to the 1940’s, and the City has already salvaged the aluminum bleachers to repurpose in the parks with uses including renovation of picnic tables.
- b. **Upper Emerson riverfront** – Murphy shared the plan for the Upper Emerson renovation as a refresher of this Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund project. Murphy walked the site with park designer Pam Blough recently to begin the detailed design process. The Rail Trail bridge is being evaluated and staff are looking at different options for the deck including replacing with a wood deck or converting to a concrete deck. Planning work will continue over the winter with bidding to occur in spring and construction to begin in May/June 2023.
- c. **Stratford Woods canoe/kayak launch** – Murphy shared the plan for the relocation of the Sanford Lake accessible canoe/kayak launch to Lake Kiwassee in Stratford Woods Park. Murphy reported that this project will be completed using in-house staff from DPW and Parks, and will include installing ADA-compliant concrete walkways along with installation of the canoe/kayak launch. Work may begin this fall depending on the weather and will be completed next spring. This project is funded by a grant from the Access to Recreation Committee at the Midland Area Community Foundation.

12) Old Business : None

13) New Business: Murphy mentioned that the December meeting is not listed on the City Calendar but will occur as originally scheduled on Tuesday, December 6.

14) Adjourn: Motioned by Steidemann, seconded by McCoy to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 6 – 0. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen Murphy
Director of Public Services