

**CITY OF MANITOWOC**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Monday, March 4, 2013 at 5:00 pm**  
**City Hall-East Hearing Room**

**Members:** Ald. Jason Sladky – Chair, Ald. Dave Soeldner – Vice Chair, Ald. Al Schema, Ald. Collin Braunel, Ald. Tyler Martell

**Staff:** Mayor Justin Nickels, Greg Minikel, Kevin Glaeser, Jim Muenzenmeyer, Denise Larson

**Guests:** Allan Brixius, Jay Muchin, Amy Fricke Weigel –Friends of the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center, Charlie Matthews – Herald Times Reporter, Ald. Scott McMeans, Ald. Eric Sietkiewicz, Ald. Jill Hennessey, Ald. Jim Brey, Randy Heinzen, Tony Fodden, Bob Satori, Duane Deicher, Bruce Steinbrecker – Manitowoc Youth Baseball Association (MYBA), Laura Ziermer – Miracle League of the Lakeshore

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Chairman Sladky.

D. Soeldner made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2013 meeting as presented. A. Schema seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Update on deer and deer pen plans and new animals at Lincoln Park Zoo**

Tabled.

**Discussion & possible action regarding dogs in parks**

Tabled.

**Discussion & possible action on plans for 2013 at the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center**

Amy Fricke Weigel explained that the Friends Group would like to move forward with a feasibility study to add a new feature in the Aquatic Center. They are looking for something to attract the teen crowd. They are currently proposing to add a 360 slide. It has a height requirement and is a popular slide with a little more excitement. It also has a great spectator component to it. The Friends Group does not want to move forward with the \$5,000.00 study if the committee is not in support of it. The committee thought that it was something that they are interested in and thanked the Friends Group for their support.

**Discussion & possible action on a special events request (13-051) from Washington Jr. High School PTO & Be the Change organization to hold a Color Run on May 4, 2013 utilizing Dewey Street Park, as detailed therein, with a waiver of fee request attached**

Tabled – addressed at the Council meeting.

**Discussion & possible action on a request from the Amvets Post 99 for use of the Wenger band wagon on Memorial Day with a partial waiver of fees in exchange for the City's use of their tables**

Tabled – addressed at the Council meeting.

**Discussion & possible action on Special Events Request (13-058) from Northeastern Wisconsin Great Lakes Sport Fishermen to hold the annual Salmon Derby at the Manitowoc Marina from Friday, July 5 through Sunday, July 7, 2013, use of various City equipment, permission to sell fermented beverages until 11:30 p.m. and extension of the noise ordinance until 11:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, as detailed**

Alderman Brey, from the Public Property and Safety Committee, made a motion to recommend approval of this request. It was seconded by Alderman Braunel. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion & possible action on a request from the Manitowoc Sunrise Rotary for the use of Washington Park, the Metrostage, and various equipment to hold Lobsterfest on September 7, 2013 with a waiver of fees request**

Tabled – addressed at the Council meeting.

**Discussion & possible action on a HVAC replacement project at the Armory Building**

Tabled.

**Discussion & possible action regarding the Miracle League Field**

Laura Ziermer told the Committee what the Miracle League on the Lakeshore is all about. This is an organization that provides a baseball league for those with disabilities, including those in wheelchairs. There are also leagues in the Fox Valley and Green Bay. She is working with the MYBA to build a field in this community. A rough estimate for the field is \$100,000. This field has a 7 to 10 year lifespan. The two organizations would be providing funds for the field's maintenance. This field is a part of the MYBA's overall plan at Citizen Park. The Committee would like the Miracle League to keep them posted as plans develop.

**Discussion & possible action regarding the Youth Baseball Field**

Randy Heinzen, with the Manitowoc Youth Baseball Association (MYBA), gave an overview and showed a rough drawing of a proposed complex that they would like to build at Citizen Park. They feel that there are not enough youth fields in the community. The complex would consist of four fields (one being the Miracle League field) housed at Citizen Park. The CP 1 baseball diamond would be relocated to Dewey Street Park. Bruce Steinbrecker, Lincoln High School coach and a member of the MYBA, has discussed this with high school coaches and athletic directors, and they are in support of this plan. This project would be totally funded by the MYBA through various fundraisers. The organization would like to move forward on this project immediately, so that they can move the field in the fall of 2013 and begin building the rest. The Committee would like the MYBA to keep them posted as plans develop.

**Discussion & possible action regarding fee structure and operation of the Aquatic Center**

D. Larson presented reviewed the 2013 proposed hours, fees, and events for the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center. See the attached sheet. Alderman Schema made a motion to approve

the presented times and fee structure, and it was seconded by Alderman Braunel. After discussion, Alderman Soeldner asked for an amended motion to keep the pass price the same as in 2012 and change the tot time and lap swimming to a \$2.00 admission fee. Alderman Schema and Alderman Braunel so moved. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Sladky made a motion to recess until after the Council meeting, and it was seconded by Soeldner.

**Adjournment**

D. Soeldner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. It was seconded by T. Martell. The motion carried.

DL/smsr

## Manitowoc Aquatic Center 2013

June 8 – August 24

Monday – Sunday

11-4 PM 5 – 7 PM

4-5 pm Lap Swimming, Tot Time

7- 7:45 pm – Water Aerobics June 17 – July 26

Tot Time and Lap Swimming will be \$2.00 admission

Admission:		Day Session	Evening Session
	Adult	\$4.00	\$3.00
	Youth (3- 17)	\$3.00	\$2.00
	Senior	\$3.00	\$2.00
Passes	Family of 4	\$175.00 +10.00 additional family	
	Single	\$ 90.00	

### Special Events :

June 15	9-Noon	Girl Scout Rental	Rental by County Girl Scouts
June 29	9:30 -11:30 am	Special Needs Splash	Fire Dept. Sponsor
July 12	5-7 pm	Teen Night	partner with YMCA
July 20	7-9 pm	Special Needs Splash	Bailey Ind./ Fricke Printing Sponsor

May 27 – Welcome Back Splash – 1-4 pm. Sponsored by the Aquatic Friends Group. (*tentative*)

August 25 Doggie Day of Summer - 1-3 pm. This is a swim for Pets (DOGS) only (*tentative*)