

**MANITOWOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL-EAST HEARING ROOM
Tuesday, September 7, 2010 5:00 pm**

Minutes

Members Present: Nic Levendusky; Chairman, Jason Sladky; Co-Chairman, Christopher Able, Dave Soeldner, and Matthew Kadow

Staff Present: Mayor Justin Nickels, Denise Larson, and Jeremy Crees

Alderman Present: Al Schema, Scott McMeans

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman N. Levendusky at 5:00pm.
2. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes from the August 16, 2010 meeting.
 - a. Motion by C. Able to approve the minutes with the correction that the meetings date is added.
 - b. Second by M. Kadow
 - c. Motion passed 5-0
3. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes from the August 30, 2010 meeting.
 - a. Motion made by M. Kadow to approve the minutes with the correction that M. Kadow agrees with outside analyses.
 - b. Second by C. Able
 - c. Motion passed 5-0
4. A motion was made by C. Able, seconded by J. Sladky to approve all requests. Motion passed 5-0.
 - a. Request PR2010-054, Trail a Thon, to use Mariner's Trail on August 21, 2010. After event took place.
 - b. Request PR2010-055, Art in the Park, Sunrise Optimist Club-Nancy Boeck, to use Washington Park October 2, 2010.
 - c. Request PR2010-056, 5K race by the Manitowoc Sunrise Rotary Club, Paul Roekle, to use Cabin 2, picnic areas and pathways in Lincoln Park October 23, 2010. Waiver of fees requested.
 - d. Request PR2010-057, Autism Awareness Walk, Tracey Edwards, to use extra picnic tables near LP Fieldhouse September 25, 2010.

5. New Business

- a. Aquatic Center season summary, attendance, fees collected, days of operation, operational costs, etc. Assistant Recreation Director D. Larson handed out and explained the aquatic summary report. A motion was made by C. Able, seconded by M. Kadow to accept the report. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Park priorities for 2011. Alderman N. Levendusky handed out the 5 year capital improvement plan and went over his list of park priorities. Discussion took place that the Mayor Nickels will listen to the public input and the parks employees have given their priorities. Mayor Nickels may have projects funded over the next two years. C. Able would like to discuss the 2010 projects that were not done. Example: Dale Street tennis courts and the CP boiler study only being done. Mayor Nickels will provide the committee with what has not been done in the past five years. A public input meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 10:30am and 6:30pm. Mayor Nickels goal is to pay off more debt than we incur.
- c. Manitowoc Tennis Club/Steve Mirsberger donated \$1000 for new tennis nets and \$500 for repairing Lincoln Park Courts 7 & 8 fence. Discussion took place that the fence repair will be done this year.

6. Old Business

- a. Organization of the Parks and Recreation Department. A motion was made by J. Sladky, seconded by D. Soeldner to ask Personnel Committee to suspend hiring Parks and Recreation Director until more investigation is done with re-organization of the department after the initial preliminary interviews have been held. C. Able was concerned about how to explain this to the applicants. D. Soeldner stated that we should focus on other motions about the department before J. Sladky makes his. J. Sladky would like to see number crunching before we hire a director. Mayor Nickels would like to see the council make a stand if they would like to see a director or not. M. Kadow would like to see a director hired and to give the department the leadership they have been lacking. If an analysis is done it should be done by an independent agency.
 - i. Motion died 1 for-4 against
- b. Little Manitowoc River study proposal. Suspended due to the Streets and Sanitation Committee decision not to hire proposal.
- c. Silver Creek Park erosion problems. The bridge has been looked at by the Engineering Department. Erosion is the issue. The Streets and Sanitation Committee will look at the problem and give its recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Department.

- d. Stump grinder prices for tree stump removals. This will be suspended until other tree issues such as an arborist is discussed. The Cemetery Department has a very low cost contract and Val Mellon will contact J. Crees regarding the contract.
 - e. Asplundh to do tree removal in terrace areas. C. Able made a motion to do a contract for 12 trees to be removed Asplundh, seconded by J. Sladky.
 - i. Motion carried 5-0.
 - f. Red Arrow Park Restoration progress report. An explanation was given that the project is being closed and will be terminated.
 - g. Dewey Skateboard Park, status of easement agreement with School Board for access. A discussion took place to ask that the school board if they will sell the access property or if they will give the access property to the city.
7. Next regular meeting, Monday, October 4 2010, at 5:00pm at City Hall-East Hearing Room
8. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

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