

**JOINT MEETINGS OF FINANCE and PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMITTEE
CITY HALL-EAST HEARING ROOM
Monday, August 15th, 2011 5:00 pm**

Minutes

Members Present: Jason Sladky; Parks Chairman, Mathew Kadow; Parks Vice-Chairman, Jim Brey, Dave Soeldner, Allen Schema, Scott McMeans; Finance Chairman, Chris Able; Finance Vice-Chairman, Alex Olsen, Lee Thennes

Staff Present: Kevin Glaeser, Valerie Mellon, Mayor Justin Nichols

Others Present: Justin Winga, Charles and Marilyn Sontag

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.
2. Discussion and possible action concerning funding options and action for the Little Manitowoc River study. V. Mellon presented a basic concept developed by the City Engineering department after the meeting held on 7/27/11 at Justin Winga's house. The concept is for dredging an area of approximately 47, 000 SYD to an average depth of 4 ft to create a pond habitat that is attractive for fish and birds in lieu of the current mud flat that is overgrown with invasive weeds. An additional dredged area was also presented to enhance the fish rearing release station at the zoo. We discussed the concept with Lunda Construction with the idea of using a drag line to excavate and deposit the material on-site and thereby create a long, low height berm between the pond and the Little Manitowoc River. This alternative has the benefit of saving trucking costs of hauling the material off-site. This alternative conceivably costs \$20 to \$30/CYD. This project equates to \$1.5 million in potential construction costs. Montgomery Associates is the firm that was previously selected to perform a study for a cost of \$13,500. It was also explained that in order to apply for any possible Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Habitat Restoration or Coastal Management funding it will be necessary to show a complete study has been performed and that DNR and USACE approval has been obtained for the selected alternative. Also these grants normally require a 50% match from the city. A motion was made by Chris Able, Seconded by Matt Kadow to take \$13,500 from the savings attributed to low bid prices for the Dale & Union Park Tennis Court Removal project to hire Montgomery Associates to complete the study ASAP in order to apply for grant funding. It was also clarified by Jason Sladky that this is not a commitment to move forward with construction and that any future construction cost matching would need to be fund-raised and not simply assumed to be provided by the City.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.