

**MANITOWOC RECREATION AND PARKS
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS PLAN
PUBLIC INPUT SESSION #4
Madison Elementary School
Monday, February 24, 2003 - 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brey at 7:05 PM.
- II. Present: Jim Brey, Rick Gerroll, Ray Geigel, Dean Graunke, Steve Erdmann, Randy Albright, Dennis Larson, Joe McLafferty, and 8 citizens
- III. Manitowoc Recreation and Parks Open Space and Trails Plan needs updating every 5 years in order to apply for state and federal grants. At this time we hear concerns and comments from citizen input of the park system.
- IV. Joe McLafferty gave a history on the 5 year Open Space and Trails Plan which must be updated every 5 years. The plan addresses current and future needs, justifications of why acquisitions or developments are important and necessary, and actual planning for the future parks, recreation programming, and open space and trail development. This plan becomes the main tool for obtaining funding for the acquisition and development of park land. The process of updating and revising takes many months and we welcome all input from the community. Please fill out one of the Public Opinion Surveys before you leave tonight.

Every existing park and potential park will be addressed for future improvements and developments. We have 31 different parks, and over 680 acres of park land. Parks and Recreation Committee will be over-seeing this plan. Once the plan is written it goes on to the Manitowoc Planning Commission who guides the process and recommends the plan to the Common Counsel. The Council adopts the plan to solidify the process and from there the plan is accepted by the state of Wisconsin who qualifies the material, and provides the avenue for a successful performance list. Our staff will apply for grants and funding sources, when the plan is approved by all entities. The implementation process begins at the point with funding, then acquisition, development, or maintenance of facilities can take place. Over the next five years we will follow the plan and hopefully do as much as possible with the funding available.

- IV Audience Input.
 - A. Ken Gebhart, 4535 Harvest Circle: Would like to know what is going on now at Camp Vits?
 1. Need more access before any development can begin.
 - B. Julie Novak, 711 N.10th : Is there anything addressed for security in the parks in the plan?
 1. At present, just the possibility of Staff or Park Rangers in the Park.

C. Jack Troup, 205 Cleveland Ave.: What is meant by the footbridge on Mariners Trail?

1. Boardwalk or trail down to the lake in several areas.

D. Julie Novak, 711 N 10th : Are there any plans to do anything with the EXPO diamonds?

1. These diamonds are owned by the County not the City.

E. Tammy Fricke, 225 Hawthorne Terrace: With budget cuts, is this plan still going forward or is this plan only for funds for grants?

1. Primarily for grant funding.

Tammy Fricke also express appreciation for the work that is being done with this updating and public input on this.

V Jim Brey explained that this public input will go to the Parks and Recreation Committee, the Common Council and then on to the State.

R. Gerroll made a motion to adjourn, second by R. Geigel. All in favor. Meeting adjourned