

**MANITOWOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL-EAST HEARING ROOM
Monday, March 7, 2011 5:00 pm**

M i n u t e s

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

Staff Present: Val Mellon, Greg Minikel, Kevin Glaeser, Mike Huck, Denise Larson, and Jeremy Crees

Guest Present: Juliana Ruenzel (excused), Bernie Staudinger, Jim Muenzenmeyer, JJ Ploederl, Jim Dufek, Carl Kuehn, Charley Matthews, and Deb Geiger

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 February 7, 2011 meeting
 - a. J. Sladky made a motion to approve minutes with changes to: the Home Builders Association will be *looking into* doing the building for free as a Community Project. Bison contract Burrows Attorney is *Tom Kuehn*.
 - b. Second by C. Able
 - c. Motion passed 5-0
3. Requests
 - a. Request PR2011-005, Amvets Post 99, to use Wenger Band Wagon on May 30, 2011. Waiver of fees requested. Approved in February.
 - b. Request PR2011-006, Jackson Girl Scout Troop, to use Lincoln Park Zoo educational building on March 3rd, 2011. Waiver of fees requested. M. Kadow made a motion to deny the request, seconded by C. Able. Motion passed 5-0.
4. New Business
 - a. Discussion and possible action on the Citizen Park building, Aquatic Center building maintenance, Mechanical cross training at Aquatic Center-City Engineer V. Mellon and K. Glaeser. DPW is okay with the Aquatic Center to stay under the Building Inspection Department and will continue to share Recreation Craftmen Mr. Lemberger.
 - b. Discussion regarding allowing dogs in the Parks-request from Alderman A. Olsen. J. Sladky has concerns about safety issues and he doesn't want the ordinance changed.
 - c. Discussion and possible action on the Arbor Day-Tree City Award-M. Huck. The traditional Arbor Day will be honored on April 29 and

this will be presented at the April 18th Municipal Tree Commission meeting. Parks and Recreation Committee agreed that this would be a good idea.

- d. Volunteer Work Day at the Zoo. Americord would like to have a cleanup day at the Zoo on April 18, 2011 from 1-3pm. A motion was made by J. Sladky to approve the request, seconded by M. Kadow. Motion carried 5-0.
 - e. Ellis and Associates vs American Red Cross Aquatic Consulting. The total fee for the Aquatic Examiner Service is \$2800.00 and is designed to enhance lifeguard operations to save a life at a moment's notice. A motion was made by D. Soeldner, seconded by J. Sladky to go ahead with the American Red Cross contract. Motions carried 3-2.
 - f. Summer Program Staffing
5. Old Business
- a. Update on status of Cabin #1. The Cabin is moving forward and looking at getting rid of current restrooms facility and adding outside restrooms to the new facility. The Home Builders will be doing all labor cost construction including roof and clearing trees.
 - b. Lincoln Park Zoo structural elements-City Engineer V. Mellon. Iron gates are ready to go and will be working on a contract to get the project going. The zoo pathways will be done in spring/summer. Moving forward resolutions will be done for all parks projects.
 - c. Bison contract update-City Attorney J. Ruenzel. Not much is going on and still negotiating. There is a 60 day limit. The zoo Society would still like a bison exhibit no matter where the bison comes from. A motion was made by J. Sladky, seconded by D. Soeldner to terminate negotiations with current owner of the bison and sell back bison. Motion approved 3-0.
 - d. Parks and Recreation Department reorganization update-City Engineer V. Mellon and D. Larson. The department is trying to move forward. It is a monumental task including the lay off situation. Has seen positive things so far. Many things have been uncovered. Rearing pond has some upgrade that needs to be done. The NEWGLSF will pay for hardware but wants city to pay electrical bill once installed.
6. Next regular meeting, Monday, April 4, 2011, at 5:00pm at City Hall-East Hearing Room
7. A motion was made by D. Soeldner to adjourn the meeting at 6:10pm, seconded by J. Sladky. Motion carried.