

**MANITOWOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
CITY HALL-EAST HEARING ROOM  
Monday, June 6, 2011 5:00 pm**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Jason Sladky; Chairman, Matthew Kadow Vice-Chairman, Jim Brey, Dave Soeldner, and Allan Schema (arrived at 5:15pm)

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Sladky at 5:00pm.
2. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes from the May 16, 2011 meeting
  - a. J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes.
  - b. Seconded by D. Soeldner.
  - c. Motion passed.
3. Request
  - a. Request PR2011-011, Manitowoc County Youth Hockey Association to use Rheaume Park on Sundays in summer. Motion made by D. Soeldner to approve the request, seconded by A. Schema. Motion carried.
  - b. Request PR2011-012, Big Brothers Big Sisters to use Silver Creek Park Fieldhouse on July 11, 2011 for summer picnic. Waiver of Fees requested. Motion was made by M. Kadow to approve the request, seconded by D. Soeldner. Motion carried.
4. New Business
  - a. Discussion and possible action on proposed improvements on Mariners trail. West of the Lake Gardens would like the City to change the location of the trail in front of their property due to the proximity of the trail and their driveways they requested moving the trail to the opposite side of Memorial Drive (across the mall property). The committee discussed this and decided this request was completely unacceptable due to forcing pedestrians to cross Memorial Drive. V. Mellon suggested that the guardrail installed between the trail and the street would create a sight obstruction for these driveways and prefers installing a better barrier curb in this area.

- b. Discussion and possible action concerning Dale Street tennis courts. The City has closed the courts due to safety and budget concerns. The committees discussed if the courts should be kept and replaced or tear them out and replace with something else. K. Glaeser will look into what it would cost to remove the courts. A motion was made by J. Brey to permanently sign and close for the season with the idea of complete removal if the budget allows this year, seconded by M. Kadow. Motion carried all in favor.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding Union Park asphalt removal. Bid notification will be sent out to have the project done in fall.
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding Indian Creek Disc Golf Course. M. Kadow has concerns that the bridge in the park is unsafe and would like it to be removed. K. Glaeser will move the bridge this week and work with engineering department to get the necessary permits for installation of prefabricated replacement bridges. M. Kadow suggested the J. VanLanden and K. Glaeser work together to make sure the city can work with volunteers. A motion was made by J. Brey to immediately take the bridge out on Tuesday, seconded by M. Kadow. Motion carried.
- e. Discussion on Aquatic Center Staff Manual and the Aquatic examiner. The Red Cross agreement is dead. V. Mellon and D. Larson will look into another city potentially Green Bay to come evaluate us. Val explained that after looking over the Aquatic Center manual felt that we had an exceptional document after comparing it to the City of Berlin. M. Kadow expressed that as long as we follow the manual and the issues from last year seem to have been a staffing and summer management issue that has been taken care of.
- f. Discussion on Hmong fest at Silver Creek Park and the charges for this special event. This request will go thru the special events procedure.
- g. Fred Radandt has donated concrete animals to the City and asked that the animals be put in Emma Radandt Park when the park is developed. In the meantime he agreed to allow the City to put them in the appropriate spots at the zoo.

5. Old Business
  - a. Update on status of Cabin #1– K.Glaeser, G. Minikel.  
Preconstruction meeting for gas is June 10, and electrical June 20. The footings and the foundation is complete and on track for October completion.
  - b. Discussion and possible action regarding Zoo hours on Sundays from 1pm-5pm instead of 11am-3pm. A motion was made by J. Brey, seconded by D. Soeldner to 1pm-5pm. Motion carried all in favor.
  - c. Discussion and possible action regarding acquisition of new zoo animals and attractions. The bison may be delivered this week or next week. The pigmy goat's contract will be done soon. More prairie dogs will be acquired from the Minnesota Zoo. The staff has met with a Milwaukee Zoo representative to create a relationship to get free animals in the future.
6. Next regular meeting, Tuesday, July 5, 2011, at 5:00pm at City Hall-East Hearing Room
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.