

CITY OF MANITOWOC
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2012 at 5:00 pm
City Hall-East Hearing Room

Members: Jason Sladky; Chairman, Matthew Kadow Vice-Chairman, Jim Brey, Dave Soeldner, and Allan Schema

Staff: Val Mellon, Greg Minikel, Kevin Glaeser, Jim Muenzenmeyer, Denise Larson, and Mayor Nickels

Guest(s): John Brunner, Jeff Schultz, Dennis Larson, Dennis Steinbrenner, Karen Wilsmann, Lynn Lemberger, Barry Lemberger, Jessica Diering, Nathan, Diering, and Dave Mueller

The meeting was called to order at 5 pm by Chairman Sladky.

M. Kadow made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2012 meeting. D. Soeldner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by John Brunner of the C.P. Friends Group

John Brunner from the Citizen Park Friends Group handed out a proposed budget and time table for fund raising for the C.P. building. They are in the process of obtaining a 401C3 status and are very confident that the funds will be raised by June 30, 2012.

CLOSED SESSION: Discussion and possible action regarding Armory Lease

This was cancelled and will be on next month's agenda with the correct legal wording.

Discussion and possible action on Armory building alterations

J. Muenzenmeyer currently has the HVAC System designs and would like to move forward with getting plans for the ADA requirements. Motion was made to move forward with getting plans for it, and seconded by M. Kadow. The motion passed 4 to 1 with D. Soeldner opposed.

Discussion and possible action on consideration of changing the Senior Center Hours from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday to 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday

This issue had been discussed at the January and February Committee on Aging Meetings. They are okay with the changes. J. Sladky would like feedback from the seniors as to the new hours. The Recreation staff will put the potential change in the next News Notes for comments.

Discussion and possible action to eliminate providing scorekeepers and umpires for the Manitowoc Youth Baseball Association

The MYBA has been informed of this possible change and is ready to move forward with the proposal. J. Muenzenmeyer and D. Larson have had several discussions. The motion was made by M. Kadow and seconded by D. Soeldner to proceed with the elimination. The motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the maintenance agreement with the Manitowoc Public School District

Jeff Schultz explained the proposal and has no intention of monopolizing the facilities at the expense of the other schools involved. MPSD wanted to help out with maintenance due to the City's staff cuts. Dennis Steinbrenner expressed that this could drastically affect Manitowoc Lutheran High School's program, if they were unable to utilize some of the facilities. Dave Mueller expressed concern also. J. Muenzenmeyer will be setting up a meeting with the schools involved and get the schedules worked out.

Discussion and possible action on Summer Recreation Programming

Men's Softball

392.00/341.00 vs 450.00/391.00

Instead of price increases, we propose dropping the # of games from 14 to 12. We would have the same revenue, but a later start in the season, which would make field preparation easier and would have less conflict with school system use.

Youth Baseball Association

In past years, the City managed this large program, which involves 30 – 40 summer staff and a supervisor. This program was budget neutral as the association reimbursed the City for the entire cost of all employees. However, the program consumed a lot of management time for hiring/screening/background checks/timecards, etc. Jeremy Crees, along with D. Larson, has recommended that we diminish our role to only scheduling the diamonds for this group. This association is well established and can accommodate this change. J. Muenzenmeyer has contacted Randy Heinzen and told him he'd be recommending this change and offered our umpire/scorekeeper lists to him. It was well received.

Summer playgrounds

There are steadily declining participants and locations. In 2011, it cost \$16,000 for 117 customers, and it brought in just under \$6,000. Some parents used it as a babysitting service. We would like to propose cutting it in half and have two north side and two south side locations as opposed to four sites on each side of the river.

Aquatic Center

The manager from last year, Dennis Kosloski, is not returning this year. Jenny Sloniker will be assuming the role of on-site manager this year. The park will open to the public Friday, June 8th and will close Friday, August 24th. The minimum staffing for full operation (10 lifeguards and 8 attendants plus one manager) equates to approximately \$160.00/hour in wages. The hours will be noon to 7:00 p.m. every

day of the week, with the exception of Fridays. We will open at 11:00 a.m. Fridays, as the staff will be present from weekly staff training.

There was some concern about the Men's softball changes but committee was open to the changes that will be made due to staff cuts.

Update on the Friends of Citizen Parks Recreation Center Group donation tube and resolution

The City would like to have the collection done by city employees due to the donation tube being in a city facility. The Friends Group expressed their objections, because they feel there is a lack of trust. After discussion, a motion was made by J. Sladky to have a city employee work with the group to empty and count it together. Everyone will be aware of the pickup, and if there are any checks made out to Friends group, they will be taken care of right away. The motion was seconded by Soeldner. The motion carried.

Discussion and possible action regarding Manitowoc Lions Club, Staate Hayward, fundraising for fenced in dog areas.

There was no discussion or action.

Update on status of Cabin #1

The cabin is done and open for business. There are still ancillary things that have not been paid for yet, so the monies will need to be rolled over.

Discussion and possible action regarding potential improvements at Silveridge Park

Val will be meeting with homeowners to see what they are interested in seeing in the park .

Discussion and possible action regarding the animal acquisition and disposition policy

There was no discussion or action.

A motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm was made by J. Brey and seconded by A. Schema. The motion carried.

DL/smsr