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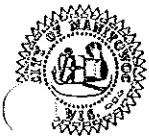
MANITOWOC RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2009
4:00 PM – Citizen Park Upstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Leroy Staudt, Chairman; Ray Geigel, Alderman; Amy Eckley; Tom Kuenzi

Staff Present: Joe McLafferty; Denise Larson; and Jeremy Crees

- I. The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm by Chairman L. Staudt.
- II. A motion was made by T. Kuenzi, seconded by A. Eckley to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting. The motion carried 4-0 in favor.
- III. Old Business
 - a. The bids for the new Family Aquatic Center were rejected in February because of contractors not using a qualified pool specialist for the project. The new bids will come in this Wednesday, March 25th at 4:00pm to the Board of Public Works. If the bids are accepted they will then go to the Council for approval at their April 6th meeting and construction would begin two weeks after that. There are a number of bid documents that have been taken out for this upcoming week. The facility is scheduled to be constructed in 2009 and ready for opening in 2010. Ground breaking is Thursday, March 26th, 2009 at 4:00pm at Citizen Park.
- IV. New Business
 - a. Director J. McLafferty reminded the Board that the public schools do not end for the year until Monday, June 15, 2009
 - b. Recreation supervisor J. Crees reported on the new recreational programming in the summer of 2009 which include arts & crafts, Start Smart Sports, music & movement, golf camps, State Fair trip on August 9th, T-ball on Monday evenings, tennis quick start, stranger danger, avoid the bully, deep water aerobics, and iron man recreation style.
 - c. Recreation supervisor J. Crees shared the spring ball diamond schedules with the Board. Practices for baseball and softball were slated to start today, Monday March 23, 2009 and the first scheduled games will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2009 on the fields at Citizen Park.
 - d. There are 19 booked concerts in the park that will take place between June 9 and August 25, 2009. Eight Marine Band Concerts and Metro Jam and Acoustic Fest will take place in Washington Park this upcoming year.



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Assistant Recreation Director D. Larson lined up the selection of concerts for the summer. The Board questioned alternative music for teens.

- e. The Comstock's made a Rollaire proposal to the Parks and Recreation Committee to decrease the number of hours that they use by 60%. The Committee asked Director J. McLafferty to bring this proposal to the City Attorney. After meeting with the Attorney Juliana Ruenzel a contract with the Comstock's will be negotiated for their use of the Citizen Park gym for roller skating during the year.
- f. The annual 2009 Kids Expo will take place Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10am to 3:00pm. This is a great way to showcase our programs and to start the registration process for the summer programs. The registration fee is waived for this event.
- g. Recreation supervisor J. Cree provided an evaluation of the 2008/2009 winter recreational programs to the Board. He provided a sheet with numbers of participants in adult programs, aquatics, special events, youth recreation activities, youth basketball, adult basketball, volleyball, and table tennis.
- h. This year's Easter Egg Hunt will take place Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the Lincoln Park Zoo. Beginning at 11am for ages 3 and under. The hunt for 4-6 year olds will begin at 11:30am and ages 7-10 will begin at 11:45am. There will be several locations on the zoo ground for this event. This is a co-op between the Recreation Department, the Manitowoc Noon Optimist Club, and the Manitowoc Jaycees.
- i. The renewal of board positions is good until June 1, 2010. A. Eckley and L. Staudt need to be renewed June 1, 2010, T. Kuenzi is good until June 1, 2011 and the Alderman's position shall be renewed after April 20th, 2009.
- j. The Brady Johnson Memorial Baseball Game will be May 22, 2009 from 4pm until midnight at Municipal Field.

V. Next Meeting – Monday, May 18, 2009 Commencing at 4:00pm at Citizen Park Conference Room

VI. A motion was made by R. Geigel, seconded by T. Kuenzi to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm. The motion carried 4-0 in favor.