



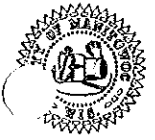
MANITOWOC RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2009
4:00 PM – Citizen Park Upstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Leroy Staudt, Chairman; Ray Geigel, Alderman; Tom Kuenzi and John Johnson

Staff: Joe McLafferty; Denise Larson; and Jeremy Crees

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Staudt at 4:05pm.
- II. Ashley Rodewald was introduced as the newest staff member of the Recreation Department. She is a graduate of UWL and has YMCA experience with working with youth programs and special events.
- III. A motion was made by R. Geigel, seconded by T. Kuenzi to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 Meeting. The motion carried by all.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Director J. McLafferty gave a short update on the new Family Aquatic Center. The demolition of the building is still going on. The next step will be the excavation for the new facility and the contractor will begin the concrete work as soon as the earthwork is completed. The expected completion date is May, 2010. So far everything is going very nicely and they did find the leak from the old pool.
- V. New Business
 - a. Ball Diamond Policy Revision was made in May of 2009. The current policy addresses the games and practices on all fields. It addresses who has priority on the diamonds and how to keep the diamonds in good shape for other teams.
 - b. Supervisor J. Crees discussed the new programs being offered including Start Smart, Arts and Crafts Classes, USTA Team Tennis, Movin' to Music, Yoga, Pickleball.
 - c. Director J. McLafferty spoke of the National Archery in the Schools Program and the tournament in Louisville Kentucky on May 8 and 9th 2009. Our program faired very nicely with students from Jackson, Washington, and Lincoln schools. The students placed 63rd out of 588 schools. We have come a long way with Jeff Koch's program.



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- d. The playgrounds will run June 16 to August 6, 2009. There are six programs that run for ages 9-14 and six programs for ages 5-8. The cost for these programs is \$15 for the summer which includes money for supplies only. The participants get a chance to participate in Friday trips as well.
 - e. Supervisor J. Crees explained ideas on the new web site for the department. The web site will be much more interactive. We are hoping to do something within the next month or so to produce a quality site for the public. Mayor Nickels wants to redo the city's web site as well. Currently, we are waiting for some feedback before we get going.
 - f. Supervisor J. Crees explained the summer T-Ball program with Session I having instruction, Session II playing games, and a special event with players attending the Bandits game with introduction of players on the field.
 - g. The school district is looking for more practice diamonds and the idea of Lakeview Park is being explored as a potential practice facility next to Madison School. The Board's thoughts on this subject were to use Dewey Street as a location that is more advantageous because it is closer to equipment. Rheaume Park would also be a possibility. The field must be a playable field with a mound. Lakeview Park is currently rarely used right now. Discussion on selling the property to School District or possibly a lease agreement.
 - h. Assistant Recreation Director D. Larson explained the tennis block party scheduled for May 28, 2009 at Lincoln Park and the \$500 grant issued to the Manitowoc Parks & Recreation Department.
 - i. A \$1500 grant was received for the Quick Start Program. The grant is for equipment, balls, ball keeper, nets, t-shirts and prizes from USTA.
 - j. John Johnson thanked the department for use of Municipal Field for the Brady Johnson Memorial Tournament which will held on May 22, 2009.
- VI. Next Meeting – Monday, July 27, 2009 Commencing at 4:00pm at Citizen Park Conference Room
- VII. A motion was made by J. Johnson, seconded by R. Geigel to adjourn the meeting at 4:37pm. The motion carried by all.