



CITY OF
MANITOWOC

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Director, Parks, Recreation
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MANITOWOC RECREATION BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 28, 2009
4:00 PM – Citizen Park Upstairs Conference Room

MINUTES

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

Staff: Joe McLafferty; Denise Larson

- I. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman Staudt at 4:00pm.
- II. A motion was made by R. Geigel, seconded by T. Kuenzi to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2009. The motion carried all in favor.
- III. Old Business
 - a. Director J. McLafferty presented the current update on the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center. At this point, the project is on time and on budget. The contractor has completed the trusses and sheathing with the rolled roofing. The Apollo light pipes are being installed and the asphalt shingles will go on next. The interior block work is 85% complete and the slide work is well on its way. The outside concrete work will begin this week and they will pour concrete until the weather gets too cold and finish it in the spring. The interior work for the building will be accomplished during the winter and we are still schedule to open the Aquatic Center the first week in June.
 - b. The Washington Park Light sign will be converted to an electronic sign that will display information on Park events. This will help our department keep updated information on activities at the park and for city sponsored events.
 - c. The budget session with Mayor occurred last Thursday September 24, 2009. All areas of administration, parks, recreation and new water park budgets were covered. At this time, the Mayor is recommending non-resident user fees for the new Aquatic Center. Capital improvement type budgets for buildings and vehicles were discussed at the meeting.
- IV. School District Report –no report J. Johnson absent from meeting.



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V. New Business

- a. The new Fall and Winter Brochures are in various locations and people are registering for a wide variety of programs, team sports, and recreation activities. New programs include Smart Start, Water Safety Instructor Course, Quick Start Tennis, and Weight training. All programs encourage fitness and play skills.

The 2009 Summer Programs were evaluated. Participations are up in adult programming, summer aquatics programming, camps and clinics, T-Ball, tennis, and adult softball.

- b. Jack and Jill Program for children ages 1-3 old is a fitness based learn program for parents and their child. Classes consist of 30 minutes of free play and 30 minutes of music coupled with basic learning movements and rhythm. Familiar nursery rhyme songs are used to ensure that bonding takes place between parents and children.
- c. Currently, the City of Manitowoc is looking to redo the City's Web site after the first of the year. All department programming will then have the same language, be more user friendly, and give us a chance to be more interactive with the public with the use of video streaming, same language based software, and search engine capabilities.
- d. Winterization on facilities will occur in October and November. Most facilities will be closed by October 15th but the ones that stay open such as the tennis courts will be closed before the snow flies this year. Work on ball diamonds has occurred at Red Arrow and Municipal Baseball fields.
- e. The Halloween event at Lincoln Park Zoo will occur on Friday, October 23, Saturday, October 24th, and Friday October 30, 2009 from 4 to 9pm. This is our largest event at the zoo during the course of the year. The Manitowoc Marine Band will play on Tuesday, December 8th at the Senior Center. Other activities include the Christmas party at the Senior Center, Santa Claus letters in the Parks and Recreation Office and we now are working on the Thanksgiving Holiday Parade.

VI. Next Meeting – Monday, November 23, 2009 Commencing at 4:00pm at Citizen Park Conference Room

VII. A motion was made by L. Staudt, seconded by T. Kuenzi to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm. The motion carried all in favor.