

**MANITOWOC PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
CITY HALL-COMMON COUNCIL ROOM
Monday, August 30, 2010 6:30 pm**

M i n u t e s

Members: Nic Levendusky; Chairman, Jason Sladky; Co-Chairman,
Christopher Able, Dave Soeldner, and Matthew Kadow

Staff: Mayor Justin Nickels, Denise Larson, and Jeremy Crees

1. The meeting was called to Order by Chairman N. Levendusky at 6:40pm

2. New Business

a. Discussion of the organization of the Park and Rec Department.
Levendusky noted that the meeting tonight is to discuss the possible options available for the potential changes to the department make up. He indicated that the director's job has been advertised and 6 potential individuals will be interviewed in September. He stated that the director's job could be for both Park and Rec or just Recreation. He noted that the department could have some of its duties done by other city department and that this aspect should be discussed.

Kadow – Wants to go on record and say that an open meeting is inappropriate to discuss topic.

Sladky- Would like to see the Bldgs & Facilities moved to the Building Inspection. Some cities do have parks & Sr. Center under DPW and cannot find in contract where teamsters and ASFME where they can't do the same work.

Levendusky – Both Bldgs Inspection & Parks departments are ASFME.

Sladky – Another suggestion is keep Recreation dept and move Parks to DPW. City would be better served if Bldgs are moved to Bldg Inspection.

Brey – Agree w/ Sladky about buildings moving, but concerned that the Park & Rec would lose the identity and take a back seat.

Sladky - Director position would be a big saving if not hired, over \$100.000

Nickels – Department director would make less than \$100.000. Would like to know what has changed since Personnel committee approved the reorganization. Personnel committee is still moving forward with the plan, unless there is a change.

Soeldner – As committee we have the opportunity and obligation to make changes as we see could make a difference.

Able – Need to have a strategic plan and an analysis to make any decisions. He would like to see someone from the outside do this which could take a while.

Kadow – Disagrees with an outside analysis. Believes this is all a political tactic.

Sladky – Parks doesn't have the expertise that the Bldg Inspection has to care for the facilities. DPW does the same work and some of the parks jobs.

Kadow – Would like to see an analysis of the entire city department.

Nickels – Privatization has also been thrown out where does that come into play?

Schema – Would like to see us move forward with the current plan and evaluate it after one year.

Sladky – disagrees with that, feels the rock has gone over the cliff if we do what Schema suggests.

Sladky – He doesn't have a specific plan at this time. Would like to discuss it w/ all parties including the staff.

Schema – Would still like to see a Director even if the bldg and facilities part of the department is moved.

Sladky – Would like to see a hold off on interviewing and have a discussion with Department and staff who are affected with the potential change.

Levedusky – Will put the question on the agenda to have Personnel Committee suspend the interviews or the Director Position.

Huck (DPW)– Create an ad-hoc committee to discuss the options.

Lee Gauthier (Parks) – Parks has limited space do the work and the ad hoc committee needs to discuss with all who do the actual work.

Hennessy – Feels the council has done a good job looking at the efficiencies of the city.

3. Next regular meeting, Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 5:00pm at City Hall-East Hearing Room

4. A motion was made by D. Soeldner, seconded by J. Sladky to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried all in favor.

Guests Present:

Steve Ignera, 1522 Menasha Ave
Wanda, Tony Mueller, 5565 County Rd B
Michael Huck, 900 Quay St
Allan Schema, 1419 S 31st St
Jill Hennessey, 1723 Grand Ave
Mark Delorme, 421A N 5th St
Lee Gauthier, 1806 Horseshoe Dr
JJ Ploederl, 7816 Middle Rd
Billy Hutterer, 7120 Hillcrest Rd
Steve Sadowski, 5319 Cedar Ln
Vicki Rathsack, 1410 S 21st St
Mike Sgarioto, 843 Nicholas Ct
Sue Garceau, 1701 Grand Ave
Lisa, Carl Kuehn, 1718 Nagle Ave
Steven Klein, 1317 S 17th St
David N Schultz, 4743 Broadway St
David R Franzen, 710 S 22nd St
Bernie Staudinger, 1122 N 8th St
Butch Drumm, 4539 Kuchera Ln
John Powalisz, 3905 County Road B
Paul Burish, 3924 Woodlawn Ct
James G Dufek, 1901 Waldo Blvd Apt 209
Adam Backus, 5034 Brookfield Cir