



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes Parks & Recreation Committee

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Alder Sladky called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

Staff: 5 - Koski, Scheinoha, Birr, Dorow and Larson

Also Present M. Fickett

3. Approval of Minutes

[15-955](#) Minutes from the August 25, 2015 Park & Recreation Committee meeting.

Attachments: [15-955 Park & Rec minutes 08-25-15](#)

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by McMeans, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

4. Discussion and Action Items

[15-1021](#) Request from Mindy Fickett for the City to purchase and install an Expression Swing, preferably at Henry Schuette Park.

Attachments: [15-1021 Expression Swing Request](#)

[15-1021 Game Time Expression Swing](#)

M. Fickett was present to discuss a swing she would be interested in seeing installed at a park. C. Scheinoha said he thought the Community Playground would be a good fit and this could be a possibility with replacement of a lap swing. Swings start at \$995. Alder McMeans said it would be an interesting concept for families. He was wondering if there is any other equipment in need of replacement. Should we think of this more as a project? C. Scheinoha said he does have a list of repairs that could be done as well. Alder Sitkiewitz said it would be a nice enhancement to the park and would like to see it as part of a replacement strategy rather than an addition. No action was taken.

Committee recommended assessing replacement needs, repairs and maintenance that needs to be done and bring a plan back to the committee.

[15-878](#) Request from a citizen to fly the U.S. flag at the Burger Boat and Manitowoc Shipbuilders Company Parks

Attachments: [15-878 Request to fly US flag](#)

[15-878 Flag expenses](#)

[15-878 Hubbartt estimate](#)

C. Scheinoha received an estimate for electrical with appropriate lighting. At one time there was lighting for the flags that had been capped off. If the conduit for the power is ok, should be significantly less than the estimate to get operational.

Alder Sladky asked about a donation that the Mayor received to fly flags. That donation was for flags for the downtown utility poles. Alder Sladky asked if anyone knew of any groups to sponsor these flags. Alder McMeans recommended American Legion or talk with the Mayor to find out if any groups would be interested. Alder Schema asked about lowering flags and C. Scheinoha said there would be added maintenance to lower flags. No action was taken. Staff should bring back to the committee if a funding source is found.

[15-979](#) Request from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manitowoc County to provide a "Big Deal" for the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center or Manitowoc Mini-Golf to their matches.

Attachments: [15-979 Big Bro Big Sis Request](#)

Discussion was held on donations and the concept of buy one get one free. Alder McMeans recommended offering Big Brothers/Big Sisters 25 buy one admission get one free. Seconded by Alder Schema. Committee asked to have a spot for name of who used the ticket. Also requested a report at the end of the season with how many tickets were given out and who took advantage of them and who did not.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

[15-1011](#) Request from St. Francis of Assisi Parish for a donation for their International Food Fair fundraiser on November 7, 2015 for their Catholic school.

Attachments: [15-1011 Donation request from St Francis](#)

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Schema, that this Request be placed on file.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

[15-1022](#) Request to acquire two North American bears for the Lincoln Park Zoo and use monies from the donation tube fund for the acquisition and transportation expenses.

Attachments: [15-1022 Request donation tube \\$ for bears](#)

D. Koski informed the Committee that the bears were placed at a rescue facility

in Indiana. We were not able to act as quickly as the rescue facility. The committee suggested D. Koski bring back a policy to be put in place that in the future when animals are available that D. Koski would be allowed to act on it within some parameters rather than having to wait for committee approval. We will continue to pursue the possibility of acquiring two black bears.

Motion Sitkiewitz, seconded by Schema to place on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

15-1023 Recommended location and equipment for Silveridge Park playground

Attachments: [15-1023 Silveridge equip & location](#)

The Committee was in favor of location #1 for playground equipment. Motion by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Schema for playground equipment to be placed at location #1. C. Scheinoha said we could hold off on wheelchair access ramp and plastic brick border to keep costs at \$30,000 unless a donor for that portion is found. The Committee was in favor of this recommendation. Motion by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Schema to approve option #1 for placement of the playground equipment. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

15-680 Operation, rules and policies for the Manitowoc Family Aquatic Center and the Manitowoc Mini-Golf Course

Alder Sladky asked to have year end numbers for the next meeting. D. Larson said she could have those ready. Adler McMeans said once we get those numbers we could have further discussion about operations for next year.

D. Koski said he has met with A. Fricke-Wiegel and she has some interesting ideas. He will compile information he has for next month. Alder McMeans is requesting operational numbers, by day, week and month.

15-876 Forestry Action Plan, including Tree Maintenance and Removal Priority Policy and revised Street Tree Removal Policy

Attachments: [15-876 Forestry Action Plan](#)
[15-876 Tree Maintenance & Removal Priority Policy](#)
[15-876 Street Tree Removal Policy](#)

Motion by McMeans, seconded by Sitkiewitz to approve the policy. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Sladky, Schema, Sitkiewitz and McMeans

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.