Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Committee Minutes of June 11th, 2009

Meeting called to order by Jim Wein, Chairperson, at 5:30 p.m. in 1st floor meeting room 108 of City Hall Plaza, 630 S. Central Avenue.

Present: Jim Wein, Brenda Baur, Alderman Tom Buttke, Tom Oettiker, Chris Viegut, and Jane Sautner-Yaeger
Excused: Julie Smith
Absent: none

Also Present: Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director; Kelly Cassidy, Parks and Recreation Supervisor, and Ben Steinbach, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor.

There were no comments regarding the May 7th meeting minutes.

Public comments - There were no public comments.

The 2008-09 Ice Rink Report was reviewed by Cassidy.

Englehart reviewed the bids received for the Columbia Park Band Shell restoration project. Eight bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Decker Lumber and Supply, from Athens, Wisconsin, in the amount of $52,980.

PR09-23 **Motion** by Buttke, seconded by Yaeger, to recommend to the Board of Public Works to award the contract to the Decker Lumber and Supply.
Motion Carried 6-0

Englehart reviewed a listing of deferred maintenance projects and projects that should be completed this year if funding is available. The two roofing repair projects were completed under budget leaving some funds unexpended. Buttke commented that the demolition of the old fountain at Wildwood Park and old warming house at 8th and Hemlock should be ranked low in comparison to the other items.

PR09-24 **Motion** by Viegut, seconded by Baur, to direct staff to prioritize listing and request a budget resolution to reallocate unexpended funds from the roofing projects to these projects.
Motion Carried All ayes 6-0

Englehart reviewed the 2010 budget parameter and preliminary information that was provided to the Common Council by Finance Director, Keith Strey. The committee officers and alderman representative will provide staff with input regarding possible service reductions during their budget preparations. Staff budget requests are due to the Finance Department by July 24th.

Information items were reviewed by the Committee. A damage/reservation deposit will be refunded to Erika Frye per her request.

Communications - Englehart reviewed various communications the department had received over the past month from citizens and individuals using the department services.

Committee Member Comments - Viegut commented that he was very pleased with how the Steve J. Miller Recreation Area has been maintained and the amount of use that it receives. He felt the parks maintenance staff should be complimented for their efforts. Wein commented that he would like to see the grass mowed periodically on the north side of the pedestrian overpass along the trail between the overpass and the tunnel.

PR09-25 Motion by Baur, seconded by Ottiker, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.
Motion Carried All ayes 6-0

Ed Englehart, Parks and Recreation Director