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## **City of Oshkosh Names Maurer as Parks Director**

(Oshkosh, WI.) The city of Oshkosh has selected Ray Maurer as the city's new Parks Director. In his new position, Maurer will oversee the Parks Department which includes parks, forestry, cemetery, Pollock Community Water Park, the Leach Amphitheater, and Lakeshore Municipal Golf Course.

"We are very pleased Ray Maurer has accepted the Parks Director position with the city of Oshkosh," said City Manager Mark Rohloff. "Ray has a solid parks, forestry, and aquatics background with proven municipal experience. His expertise and practical manner are an excellent combination for both the staff and citizens of Oshkosh."

Maurer is currently the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry for the city of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin where he has worked for the past three years. Prior to 2006, Maurer was the Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry for the city of Cedarburg, Wisconsin. In 1995 Maurer began his public sector career with the Village of Brown Deer, Wisconsin. Maurer is a Certified Park and Recreation Professional with a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

"I am honored and excited for the opportunity to join the city of Oshkosh," said Maurer. "I truly believe that the park services offered in Oshkosh are among the best in the state."

Maurer will replace Tom Stephany who retired on August 24, 2009 after 14 years of service with the city.

"We are grateful to Bill Sturm and the entire Parks Department staff for their hard work and commitment to the city during this transitional period," said Rohloff. "I know Ray's move into his new position will be successful because of the efforts of the entire department."

Maurer will begin work with the city of Oshkosh in January of 2010.

For more information please contact the City Manager's office at (920) 236-5000.

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