

CITY OF STEVENS POINT
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
May 31, 2011 - 4:00 P.M.
City Conference Room - 1515 Strongs Avenue

Present: John Moe, Louis Molepske, Joel Lemke, Tim Siebert, Dennis Riley.

Also

Present: Alderperson Trzebiatowski, Matthew Brown

1. Introduction of Members and Election of Chair.

Members of the Committee introduced themselves.

Call for nominations.

Joel Lemke nominated John Moe.

Molepske **moved**, Siebert seconded, to close nominations for Chair and cast unanimous vote for John Moe.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

2. Review Committee's Responsibilities and Process.

The Census is conducted every 10 years and that information is used in redrawing the legislative districts from Congressional to Aldermanic districts. Besides using this information to redraw district lines, it is also used for other purposes such as for applications for grants. According to the census the City grew by 2,100, placing the population at 26,717. The City has 11 Aldermanic Districts and each will need to be increase to roughly 2,400 people with a 10 percent variance between them. On May 23, the City received the tentative Supervisory district plan from the County. The City has 60 days from then to draw the ward lines. There is another 60 day period for the Aldermanic and County Supervisor Districts to be finalized; however, the Committee should try to have the Aldermanic Districts done in July. He noted that the County is allowing the City input on the County Supervisory lines within the City. However, they have also instructed us that we cannot go outside the city limits except for one district that will include the Village of Park Ridge and parts of the Town of Hull. The work must be concluded by October 1, 2011.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Standards to be Used in Creating Wards and Aldermanic Districts.

Joel Lemke illustrated the computer mapping program that will be used in creating the wards.

Clerk Moe reviewed the guidelines for creating the lines in the manual provided by the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Requirements for creating wards are: compact as possible, be as contiguous as possible, make a good faith effort to accommodate the tentative county supervisory district plan, enhance the participation of racial and language minority groups, comply with the population ranges (600-2100), lie entirely within the municipality and reflect the boundary in place by August 1, 2011.

When adjusting the lines they must: reflect the change in population, changes in minority populations, changes in municipal boundaries, account for supervisory districts, aldermanic districts populations need to be as close as possible.

Clerk Moe also suggested not using alderpersons residences as a consideration when developing the lines. He does not want someone thinking we showed favoritism towards anyone.

Ald. Trzebiatowski asked if polling places were being considered in drawing the lines.

Clerk Moe replied that it is not something that is being considered.

Siebert **moved**, Lemke seconded, to use the guidelines in the Reference Bureau Manual in developing the ward and aldermanic districts.

Ayes, all; nays, none; motion carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on the Number of Wards and Aldermanic Districts.

After a brief discussion the Committee decided to proceed under the assumption that the City is staying with 11 Aldermanic districts for the time being and asked for clarification from the Council.

5. Adjourned at 4:27 p.m.