

Dear Park Board Commissioners:

My name is Josh Court and I am the Executive Director of La Crosse SOUP. Our organization is committed to bringing the community together and funding creative projects to make La Crosse better. Our Summer SOUP event brought in close to 300 people and raised \$1959 for Family and Children's Center to provide household items to kids aging out of the foster care system.

Our next even will be October 10, 2017 from 6:00-7:30 in Myrick Park. We believe Myrick is a great central location which highlights the beauty of La Crosse and would be an amazing location for the next La Crosse SOUP. Components of this SOUP event include:

- A catered soup meal from Gracie's and The Eagles Nest
- A suggested \$5 donation to cast a vote for one of our four pitches
- Beverage sales (beer and lemonade) with proceeds going to the winning project
- Raffle of door prizes

In addition, we are requesting permission from the Park Board to:

- Have a fire to provide warmth, ambiance, and marshmallow roasting opportunities.
- Have Skyrockers put on a small fireworks show around 8:00pm. We have been in contact with Pat Bonadurer from Skyrockers who suggested some quieter, ground display fireworks.

One last request, La Crosse SOUP is run by a group of volunteers committed to making La Crosse better and 100% of the proceeds raised each night are given to the winning project which must provide a benefit to the city of La Crosse. Due to the nature of our event and the desire to continue to give 100% of the proceeds raised to the winning project, we would greatly appreciate it if our park rental fee be waived.

Our event in July received positive attention and praise. We would love the opportunity to continue this momentum in one of La Crosse's most cherished locations. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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