



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Board of Park Commissioners

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Thursday, March 15, 2018

5:30 PM

City Hall - Common Council Chambers  
400 La Crosse Street  
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**Approved at the April 19, 2018 Park Board Meeting.**

**\*\*Please Note Location Change\*\* - \*\*City Hall\*\***

Call to Order: Paul Medinger, Jacqueline Marcou, Mark Terpstra, Jim Webb, Sandra Cleary, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Ashley Skoczynski. Excused: Marvin Wanders.

Approval of February 15, 2018 Park Board Minutes. Motion by Jacqueline Marcou, second by Jim Webb to approve the February 15, 2018 minutes with the following change: File ID # 18-0264 should reflect the site change from West Copeland to Veteran's Freedom Park. (Unanimous)

#### **Agenda Items:**

[18-0383](#) Parks, Recreation and Forestry - Approval Dry Storage/Freeze-In Terms and Conditions/Rules for La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor.

Superintendent-Jay Odegard and Gary Thurk reviewed Dry Storage/Freeze-In Terms and Conditions/Rules for La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor. Sally Newman had a concern about the Dry Storage/Freeze-In Terms. Motion by Jim Webb, second by Todd Olson to approve the terms and conditions for Dry Storage/Freeze-In and Conditions/Rules as presented. (Unanimous)

[18-0384](#) Parks, Recreation and Forestry - Approval of Pump Out Fee and Transient Slip Fee for La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor.

Motion by Jim Webb, second by Todd Olson to approve the Pump Out Fee and Transient Slip fee for the La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor as presented. (Unanimous)

[18-0385](#) Hillyer Family - Approval of bear carving donation for Chad Erickson Memorial Park.

Lisa Hillyer spoke briefly about the bear carving donation and noted the donation would be in memory of her mother from the Nederloe Family. Motion by Mark Terpstra, second by Eileen Kirsch to approve the donation of the bear carving. (Unanimous)

[18-0390](#) SOUP - Approval for use of Copeland Oktoberfest Shelter for SOUP fundraising event in April and to waive the fee for use of the shelter. Approved fee Copeland Oktoberfest \$71.09, Copeland Enclosed \$40.28 with total fee being \$111.37. Food trucks have been invited to this event and Turtle Stack will be selling beer pending approval from City Clerks office. Approval for food trucks to sell in Copeland Park for the event and all permit requirements are met. Exact date is yet to be determined.

Motion by Jacqueline Marcou, second by Jim Webb to approve the use of Copeland Oktoberfest Shelter and Copeland Enclosed Shelter for a Soup fundraiser on April 24, 2018. To waive the fee subject to; that all compliance criteria is met regarding the approval of an alcohol permit acquired from the City Clerk's office, the food trucks acquire permits from Parks and Recreation Department and insurance is provided. If all requirements are not met the group will have to pay the reservation fee of \$111.37. The vote was 7 yes and 1 abstaining vote by Ashley Skoczynski.

[18-0391](#) Mario Youakim - Approval for bake sale at Myrick Park on April 21, 2018 and to waive the fee. Approved fee Myrick Main \$71.09. All funds raised will go to the La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Motion by Sandra Cleary, second by Jim Webb to approve a La Crosse Community Thanksgiving Dinner bake sale at Myrick Park on April 21, 2018 and waive the fee with all funds raised to support the community dinner in November. (Unanimous)

[18-0392](#) Christ Episcopal Church - Request approval to change boulevard at 111 9th Street N to provide handicap access to church.

Motion by Todd Olson, second by Mark Terpstra to approve the boulevard change at 111 N 9 Street to provide handicap access to the church. (Unanimous)

[18-0393](#) Salvation Army of La Crosse - Approval to use Burns Park for community Easter Egg Hunt on March 15, 2018 and to waive the fee. Approved fee \$40.28.

Motion by Jacqueline Marcou, second by Mark Terpstra to approve the Salvation Army Easter Egg Hunt at Burns Park on corrected date of March 31, 2018 not March 15th. (Unanimous)

[18-0396](#) Downtown Mainstreet - Approval to use Civic Center Walkway for placement of Heron Sculptures for 2018 summer season, insurance would be provided by the Pump House and work collaboratively with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on installation.

Motion by Jacqueline Marcou, second by Eileen Kirsch to approve the placement of Heron Sculptures for the 2018 summer season along the Civic Center Park walkway and work collaboratively with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department on installation. (Unanimous)

[18-0398](#) La Crosse Center/Art Fahey - Informational presentation re: Design Concept for the La Crosse Center and input from Park Board Commissioners.

Art Fahey-Director of the La Crosse Center and Brent Smith-La Crosse Center Board Chair reviewed the Concept B1 design for the La Crosse Center. See attached plan. The Park Board Commissioners had concerns about how much parkland was planned to be used for the addition and how new outdoor suggested additions such as playground equipment, fountains, lighting, art etc. would be budgeted. They had questions about parking along the park and under the addition, concerns about safety issues related to parking, and esthetics of refuse disposal. It was noted the esthetics of the building seem very sharp and it was suggested the design be softened with a more curved look to the outside. The board thanked Mr. Fahey and Mr. Smith for their presentation. The final plan will be brought back to the board at a later date.

[18-0417](#) George Arimond - Clarification of resolution 18-0265 allowing bicycle use on the Bicentennial Trail in Lower Hixon Forest.

Mr. Arimond and Pat Wilson spoke about concerns of biking on the trail and wanted better clarification on what portion of the Bicentennial Trail was going to be affected. The Environmental Leadership Forum (ELF) group did not have any input on biking on the trail. Motion by Eileen Kirsch, second by Mark Terpstra to refer and table the clarification of agenda item 18-02115 from the February 2018 agenda for 30 days to get the Environmental Leadership Forums (ELF) input. (Unanimous)

[18-0408](#) OAR - Update and Approval to move forward on Pump Track at Leuth Park.

Jed Olson, representing OAR, reviewed the pump track plan. Motion by Jacqueline Marcou, second by Mark Terpstra to approve moving forward on pump track at Leuth Park. (Unanimous)

[18-0403](#) Director - Approval of 2019 Capital Projects.

Motion by Jim Webb second by Mark Terpstra to add to Capital Projects as presented with the following additions: Cameron Park amount of \$150,000-TIF-Fence/playground poured surface and update Municipal Pool to the following amounts-\$1,250,000.00-Bond and \$1,000,000.00-Other/Contribution. New total amount \$10,840,000.00. (Unanimous)

Jan Lucus-United States Pickleball Ambassador for La Crosse spoke about the growing pickleball sport and thanked the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department for including pickleball courts in the Capital Projects.

Robert Richardson-La Crosse Curling Club spoke on how much the Green Island Ice Arena has improved and the sport of Curling has grown there. Mr. Richardson was part of the Salt Lake City United States Olympic team. He had questions about the funding sources and how the Capital Project process works.

Adjournment

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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