



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Thursday, July 18, 2019

5:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

Call to Order

Board Secretary Marvin Wanders called the meeting to order at 5:32pm as presiding officer.

Roll Call

Present: 8 - Paul Medinger, Marvin Wanders, Jim Webb, Roger Christians, Robert Young, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Ashley Skoczynski

Excused: 1 - Sandy Cleary

Others Present

George Wagner, Bryan Kuhn, David Bange, Terry Benson, Helen Thomson, Meagan Madisa, Becky Grun, Kenneth Morris, Kathy Hayman, Debbie Jenks, Sue Knopf, Ruth Devict, Make Hamrke, Kelley Manson, Ben Jarman, Anne Jarman, Kurt Schroeder, Joshua Blum, Sue Weber, Karen Adker, Adam Schmeiser, Aaron Fox, James Schamms, Barbara Strohm, Mary Hubbard, Bob Fisher, Maddie Moore, Jenna Slack, Gretchen Paquette, Nathan Erickson, Patrick Wilson, Char Rodman, Lee Rodman, Kim Jacobs, Dave Fredrickson, Jenny Wolfe, Harvey Witzenburg

Election of Officers

*Roger Christians nominated Paul Medinger for Park Board President.
Todd Olson 2nd the nomination.
Vote carried unanimously.*

*Jim Webb nominated Roger Christians for Park Board Vice President.
Todd Olson 2nd the nomination.
Vote carried unanimously.*

*Eileen Kirsch nominated Marvin Wanders for Park Board Secretary
Jim Webb 2nd the nomination.
Vote carried unanimously.*

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May meeting by Young, seconded by Christians. The motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- [19-0714](#) Request for preferred use of the Copeland Park Shelters by The 400 Foundation the third weekend in July for Rail Fair
A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-0715](#) Request to remove tree adjacent to 207 Pearl Street submitted by Dani Peterslie
A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Olson, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-0880](#) Request to rebuild the boathouse at CPE#3 submitted by Steve and Caroline Grosvold, Robert Gschwind, and Melissa Briggs
A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Young, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-0910](#) Review Special Event Fee Structure & Importance
No action taken.
- [19-1006](#) Request to hold Walk to End Alzheimer's on the Myrick Park Marsh Trail and Loop on September 14, submitted by the Alzheimer's Association
A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-0889](#) Request to use the Myrick Park Main Shelter as the start and end point for a walk to benefit the Hunger Task Force
A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Skoczynski, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-1004](#) Request to use Pettibone Park shelter and facilities for a Disc Golf Fundraiser on September 8, 2019 submitted by Sigma Tau Gamma
It was also requested and approved that the Park Shelter fee's be waived for this event.
A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-1007](#) Request to hold a Forest Bathing Event at Chad Erickson Memorial Park on October 12, 2019 submitted by Jean Pagliaro
Referred to the August Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

- [19-1005](#) Request to designate and preserve specific Hixon Trails (Hickory, Oak, Savannah, and Birch) for hiking only; submitted by Ruth Devitt and Becky Guinn
No Action Taken.
- [19-0881](#) Request to ammend Park Shelter Fee structure for Free Speech Events submitted by Ken Morris
A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Webb, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-1016](#) Request to remove a Maple tree located at 2124 Mississippi St, La Crosse, WI submitted by George Wagner
A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Webb, that this Request be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-0894](#) Request to approve Docking Agreement & Schedule of stops for cruise boats including but not limited to the American Queen and American Cruise Lines
A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Christians, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-1017](#) Announcing the combined efforts of the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA), local skaters and the City of La Crosse Park and Rec Department to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Lueth Park on August 24, 2019.
No Action Taken
- [19-1034](#) Status update on the International Mountain Bikers Association (IMBA) Partnership Grant, as it relates to the Grandma's Gateway Trail Design, between the City of La Crosse Parks Department and the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA); presented by ORA.
- [19-1021](#) Request for approval to install a raingarden on the boulevard of Hamilton Early Learning Center located at 1111 7th Street, La Crosse, WI submitted by GROW La Crosse.
A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.
- [19-1025](#) Request to direct department staff to pursue a city ordinance change related to climbing on designated bluff property submitted by Coulee Region Climbers Association
A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Kirsch, the Proposals be APPROVED. The motion carried on majority vote.
YES: Webb, Wanders, Kirsch, Christians, Young, and Skoczynski
NO: Olson
- [19-1026](#) Status update on the fundraising efforts for Veteran's Memorial Pool to be presented by Veteran's Memorial Pool Committee

Adjournment

*A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Olson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:48.
The motion carried by voice vote.*

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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