



# 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, May 16, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

#### Roll Call

**Others Present:** Jay Odegaard, Dan Trussoni, Jim Flottmeyer, Kat Craugh, Aimee Schmidt, Leah Miller, Sami Meyer, Hunter Elsen, Nikki Hansen, John Manges, Tamra Dickinson, Kaley Jacobson, Dan Gerke, Gary Thurk, Livi Pappadopoulos, Polly Pappadopoulos,

**Present:** 8 - Tracy Littlejohn, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Rebecca Schwarz, Patrick Wilson, Tim Alberts

**Excused:** 1 - Chris Kahlow

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Schwarz, that the April 18, 2024 minutes be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 8 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts, Olson, Littlejohn

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

#### Agenda Items:

##### [24-0543](#)

Request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and Riverside International Friendship Gardens, Inc.

**A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Wilson, that the General Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 8 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts, Olson, Littlejohn

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

##### [24-0629](#)

Request to approve the concept of additional location of the Pettibone Boat Club Food and Beverage location. Contingent on the required approvals and issuance of all other city, county, and state permits.

**A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Cleary, that the General Item be REFERRED for 60 days to address vehicle parking, boat parking, and capacity and get written approval from Pettibone Boat Club Board. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Olson, Littlejohn

**No:** 1 - Alberts

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 7 - Tracy Littlejohn, Robert Young, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Rebecca Schwarz, Patrick Wilson, Tim Alberts

**Excused:** 1 - Chris Kahlow

**Absent:** 1 - Sandy Cleary

[24-0657](#)

Presentation of Riverside Park Policy Recommendations completed by UW-L Intern, Kit Kirsch.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

[24-0634](#)

Request to approve the Outdoor Recreation Alliance of the 7 Rivers Region (ORA) to fundraise at Myrick Park on Friday, May 31 & Saturday, June 1, 2024; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

**A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Schwarz, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Alberts, Olson, Littlejohn

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

**Absent:** 1 - Cleary

[24-0632](#)

Receive and file Urban Forestry Management Plan.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Alberts, Olson, Littlejohn

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

**Absent:** 1 - Cleary

[24-0633](#)

Request to approve use agreement between the City of La Crosse and Livi Pappadopoulos to occupy a space on the north end of Pettibone Park Lagoon to secure a dock and logs.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Alberts, Olson

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

**Absent:** 1 - Cleary

**Abstain:** 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0658](#)

Presentation and request for support of Forestry Updates & Arboretum Proposal.

**A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Schwarz, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Alberts, Olson, Littlejohn

**Excused:** 1 - Kahlow

**Absent:** 1 - Cleary

[24-0659](#)

Recap on spring recreation programs and upcoming summer programs.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

## **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.**