



# 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 20, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual: Via Lifesize  
In Person: Southside Neighborhood Center  
1300 6th Street South, La Crosse, WI

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#### Call to Order

The Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

#### Roll Call/Introductions

**Present:** 9 - Jim Webb, Tracy Littlejohn, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Chris Kahlow, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Jacqueline Marcou, Rebecca Schwarz

#### Others Present

##### CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Larry Sleznikow and Andrea Richmond

##### PARKS, RECREATION, AND FORESTRY STAFF MEMBERS:

Jay Odegaard, Kerry Gloede, Jim Flottmeyer, Jared Flick, Leah Burns, Kate Kroll and Christa Berg

##### OTHER CITY OF LA CROSSE STAFF MEMBERS:

Ken Gilliam, Craig Snyder, and David Reinhart

##### VIRTUAL GUESTS:

Aleesha Torres, Chad Morgan, Sally Ruud, Nancy McMullin, Martin Riese, Heather Rusk, Ben Kapanke, Michael Sander, Chris Stindt, Katie Anderson, Darius Allen-Lanai Bottorff, Pat Wilson, Chuck Lee, Jed Olson, Jacob Sciammas, Jennifer Williams, Timothy Carney, and Gary Thurk

## Election of Officers

### PRESIDENT:

Marcou made a motion to nominate Kahlow as President, seconded by Olson. No other nominations were made. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Kahlow will serve as President for the next term.

### VICE PRESIDENT:

Marcou made a motion to nominate Schwarz as Vice President, seconded by Olson.

Littlejohn made a motion to nominate Young as Vice President, seconded by Kirsch.

Schwarz declined the nomination. No other nominations were made. The second motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Young will serve as Vice President for the next term.

### SECRETARY:

Marcou made a motion to nominate Schwarz as Secretary, seconded by Webb. No other nominations were made. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Schwarz will serve at Secretary for the next term.

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made Olson, seconded by Young to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting.  
The motion carried by voice vote.

## Agenda Items:

### Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cleary to Open a Public Hearing.  
The motion carried by voice vote.

#### [21-0689](#)

Request to serve alcohol at Black River Beach Neighborhood Center on July 10, 2021 for a private birthday party.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### [21-0691](#)

Request to approve the update and plantings in the Boulevard space at 410 23rd Street North.

A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### [21-0699](#)

Update on the La Crosse Loggers.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

[21-0700](#)

Request to host the Annual Boy Scouts Camp-Out/Sleepover at Copeland Park Field on July 31, 2021.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0690](#)

Request to host the 22nd Annual Maple Leaf Run/Walk at Riverside Park on October 2, 2021 from 5 a.m. to Noon; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Olson, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0697](#)

Request to host Kids From Wisconsin event at the Riverside Park Bandstand on July 8, 2021; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Olson, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0692](#)

Request to host the starting line for the Ride Across Wisconsin at Riverside Park Fountain area July 30 through August 2, 2021; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Marcou, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0694](#)

Request to host a Chicken Q fundraiser in parking lot of Green Island Ice Arena on September 16, 2021, submitted by River City Youth Hockey; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

**A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Olson, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0695](#)

Request to host fundraising Tennis Tournaments at Green Island Tennis Courts on June 19 & 20, July 10 & 11, and August 7 & 8, submitted by the Coulee Region Tennis Association; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Olson, that this Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED TO FUNDRAISE FOR PHASE I OF THE CITY TENNIS PROJECT . The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0722](#)

Request to host the Juneteenth event at Riverside Park North and Riverside Park Bandstand on June 19, 2021, with the \$450 fee (50% of the regular fee for Community Event); waived contingent on the approvals and issuance of permits from all other city and county agencies.

*\*A Sponsorship for the event on behalf of the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department was applied to the Park Use Fees.*

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Schwarz, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0723](#)

Update on Trane All Abilities Park project.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

[21-0712](#)

Presentation of Darius Allen-Lanai Bottorff's 2021 Capstone Project on River Pointe Park.

**NO ACTION TAKEN.**

[21-0696](#)

Request to transfer priority management of the Goosetown property from the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department to the City of La Crosse Fire Department for future development.

*\*The Board of Park Commissioners strongly encouraged the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department to pursue other land that could be used as green space/park property to replace the Goosetown Park property being transferred to the Fire Department.*

**A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0724](#)

Resolution authorizing the City of La Crosse, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department to participate as a partner in the La Crosse County in the U.S. Department of Transportation Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity ("RAISE") Transportation Grant application.

**A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Marcou, that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED TO BE ADOPTED to the Finance & Personnel Committee, due back by 6/3/2021. The motion carried by voice vote.**

[21-0702](#)

Receive and file the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and the Friends of the Blufflands.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Marcou, that this General Item be APPROVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0703](#)

Receive and file the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and the Outdoor Recreation Alliance (ORA) of the Seven Rivers Region.

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0705](#)

Request to approve the Miller Bluff Trail project and Bluff Pass Trail improvements.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Schwarz, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0632](#)

Verizon Street Privilege Permit Request for Small Cell Pole in 50 State Street right of way.

*\*It was recommended that a right-away outside of Riverside Park be utilized for a Small Cell Pole or a larger style Cell Pole/Tower could be placed on one of several high rise buildings in the downtown/Riverside area.*

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be DENIED . The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0682](#)

Charter request to place Communications in ROW at 100 Vine Street.

**A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Kirsch, that this General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0701](#)

Request to approve the Art Donation for Veterans Memorial Pool.

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Olson, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.**

[21-0698](#)

Request to approve the Nii Hosto Art Park Plan.

**A motion was made by Marcou, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be REFERRED FOR 60 DAYS to the Board of Park Commissioners, due back by 7/15/2021. The motion carried by voice vote.**

[21-0708](#)

Request to approve the selected members for the Nii Hosto project sub-committee.

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be REFERRED FOR 60 DAYS to the Board of Park Commissioners, due back by 7/15/2021. The motion carried by voice vote.**

## Close Public Hearing

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cleary to Close a Public Hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.**

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cleary to Adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. 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.*

### NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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