



City of La Crosse
Parks & Recreation

Board of Park Commissioners

La Crosse, Wisconsin



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PARK BOARD MINUTES FOR MEETING OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT: PAUL MEDINGER
 VICE PRESIDENT: RYAN CORNETT
 SECRETARY: MARK TERPSTRA - EXCUSED
 COMMISSIONERS: JIM WEBB-SANDRA CLEARY-GREG SHEEHAN-EILEEN KIRSCH- MARVIN WANDERS
 EXCUSED: BETTY WOODRUFF

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. The minutes of November 20, 2014 were read and approved. The minutes of the December 16, 2014 were amended to note the start time was listed as 7:01 pm but should have read 5:31 pm.

Winter Rec-Fest button design winners were announced and photos taken.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director-Steve Carlyon and Park Board Members welcomed new Park Board Commissioner: Eileen Kirsch.

- A. **NATIONAL MS SOCIETY/WI CHAPTER - APPROVAL TO WAIVE FEE FOR MS WALK FUNDRAISER ON APRIL 25, 2015.** Michael Sigman, representative for the MS Society, reviewed the event details and noted the group did not have to pay in the past. There were concerns about the group impeding traffic into the park. Mr. Sigman assured the Board the group would walk on the sidewalk through the park and not impede traffic. Motion by Ryan Cornett, second by Sandra Cleary to waive the fee for the MS Walk on April 25, 2015. (Unanimous)
- B. **PETTIBONE PARK RESORT- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE PETTIBONE PARK RESORT INC FOR A SECOND FIVE (5) YEAR TERM.** There was no one present representing the Pettibone Park Resort. The Director noted there were no changes to the Pettibone Park Resort License Agreement and that Council had approved the agreement with no changes on 12-11-14. Motion by Ryan Cornett, second by Jim Webb to approve the Pettibone Park Resort Inc. License Agreement for a second 5 year term. (Unanimous)
- C. **LA CROSSE MUNICIPAL BOAT HARBOR - APPROVAL OF SLIP RENTAL AGREEMENT AND RULES/REGULATIONS 2015.** The Director noted that Board of Public Works had approved the Slip Rental Agreement and Rules/Regulations 2015 for the Municipal Boat Harbor on 11-7-2014. Motion by Ryan Cornett, second by Greg Sheehan to approve the Slip Rental Agreement and Rules/Regulation 2015 of the Municipal Boat Harbor as presented. (Unanimous)
- D. **OUTDOOR RECREATION ALLIANCE - APPROVAL TO HOLD FUNDRAISING EVENT ON FEBRUARY 7, 2015 IN HIXON FOREST.** Eric Johnson, representing the Anytime Fitness, reviewed the event details noting the event would consist of a Cross Country Ski and Trail Hike with all proceeds going to the Outdoor Recreation Alliance Group. Motion by Ryan Cornett, second by Greg Sheehan to approve the fundraising event for the Outdoor Recreation Alliance on February 7, 2015. (Unanimous)

COMMISSIONERS • Jim Webb, Marvin Wanders, Betty Woodruff, Greg Sheehan, Sandra Cleary, Eileen Kirsch

OFFICERS • President ~ Paul Medinger, Ryan Cornett ~ Vice President, Mark Terpstra ~ Secretary



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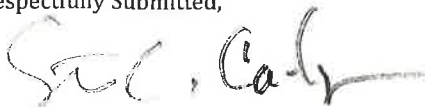
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- E. **DIRECTOR – APPROVAL OF RESEARCH BY CHRISTINA BURKHART ON STEWARDSHIP PROPERTIES WITHIN THE LA CROSSE BLUFFLANDS.** Christina Burkhart explained her project was to install wildlife trail cameras within Hixon Forest and MVC properties to gather data for her Undergraduate Research and Creativity project that will confirm the presence and identity of wild canids in the bluff lands. Camera placement would be limited to areas remote from official public trails to preserve the natural Park setting for visitors. The Director noted he had received confirmation from the Department of Natural Resources that Ms. Burkhart had been approved to do the research project on Stewardship properties within the La Crosse Bluff lands. Motion by Greg Sheehan, second by Ryan Cornett to approve the research by Christina Burkhart on Stewardship Properties within the La Crosse Bluff lands. (Unanimous)
- F. **DIRECTOR – ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB FOR VISTA TRAIL.** The Director noted that the donation from the Downtown Rotary group will be used to match City funds for the Hixon Forest way finding project. The Downtown Rotary Club donation was for \$15,000. Motion by Marvin Wanders, second by Ryan Cornett to accept the donation from the Downtown Rotary Club for the Vista Trail. (Unanimous)
- G. **DIRECTOR – APPROVAL OF FORMALLY CHANGING THE VISTA TRAIL TO THE ROTARY VISTA TRAIL.** The Director recommended to recognize the collaboration of the Downtown Rotary Club and Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department the Vista Trail name should be formally changed to The Rotary Vista Trail. Motion by Marvin Wanders, second by Ryan Cornett to approve formally changing the Vista Trail to the Rotary Vista Trail. (Unanimous)
- H. **LA CROSSE BASEBALL LLC AND NORTHWOOD’S LEAGUE – DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO AMEND THE USE AGREEMENT WITH LA CROSSE BASEBALL LLC.** The Board went into closed session 7:20 pm and reviewed amended outline of the La Crosse Baseball LLC and Northwood’s League Agreement. The Board went back to open session 8:00 pm. Motion by Ryan Cornett, second by Eileen Kirsch to approve the outline of terms for Amendment to Lease as presented by Attorney Addis. (Unanimous)
- I. **DIRECTOR – SELECTION/APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR GOLF COURSE PROJECT.** The Director reviewed the proposals for the Forest Hills Golf Course project and recommended approval of the Architectural Services of the Jacobson Golf Course Design Inc. Motion by Ryan Cornett, second by Sandra Cleary to approve the recommendation of using the Architectural Services of Jacobson Golf Course Design Inc. for the Forest Hills Golf Course project. (Unanimous)
- J. **DIRECTOR – REVIEW AND SIGN CODE OF ETHICS – PARK BOARD COMMISSIONERS 2015.** Board Members reviewed and signed Code of Ethics. Forms will be turned into the City Clerk’s office. No formal action needed by the board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. NONE

Motion by Jim Webb, second by Ryan Cornett to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 08:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


 Steven C. Carlyon
 Director

Mark Terpstra
Secretary