



City of La Crosse
Parks & Recreation

Board of Park Commissioners

La Crosse, Wisconsin



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SPECIAL PARK BOARD MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2014 - 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: PRESIDENT: PAUL MEDINGER
 VICE PRESIDENT: RYAN CORNETT - EXCUSED
 SECRETARY: MARK TERPSTRA - EXCUSED
 COMMISSIONERS: JIM WEBB-SANDRA CLEARY-MARVIN WANDERS-JERRY EVERY-BETTY WOODRUFF

EXCUSED: GREG SHEEHAN

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

- A. **DIRECTOR – APPROVAL OF USE AGREEMENT FOR MYRICK PARK CENTER.** Attorney, Phil Addis, noted the use agreement with the EcoPark would be terminated as of the end of the month along with all current sponsorships. Ending date of September 30th, 2014. Due to the EcoPark being funded by an Educational Grant from the State the facility has to continue offering educational programming until the term period of the grant ends. A new one year use agreement with WisCorp was distributed. Any additional term periods longer than 5 years would need City Council approval. Term period would start October 1st, 2014; new group must provide insurance, security deposit, and monthly payments.

The director felt WisCorp would be a good transitional fit offering educational programming, mentoring for youth 16-25, direct conservation projects on public lands across the state. Examples: new trail construction, restoration, bridge construction, stream bank stabilization, reforestation and invasive species management. Current staff at the EcoPark, Stephanie Hanna, may continue to do programming through WisCorp if agreeable. Chuck Lee and Jacob Sciammas spoke about community outreach, what type of services and use the building will provide for the community currently/in the future and had questions about what would be happening to current equipment and displays.

Motion by Jerry Every, second by Betty Woodruff to approve the 1 year use agreement with WisCorp at the Myrick Center no longer known as the EcoPark as proposed on the following conditions:

- MHEP and the La Crosse City Council agreeing to the termination of the current use agreement.
 - Use agreement being signed by WisCorp and delivered to the Parks and Recreation Department on or before 12:00 pm on Friday, October 3, 2014 or the agreement is automatically withdrawn.
 - Granting to the Director of Parks and Recreation Department authority to make minor clerical modifications to the use agreement, after consultation with legal counsel without further Park Board approval. (Unanimous)
- B. **DIRECTOR – RESIND 2005 HIXON FOREST COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.** The director noted many individuals worked on the 2005 plan but due to not having any specific timelines and follow up done with the current plan the director is unable to apply for grants that could provide money for comprehensive planning. The director wants to create a universal plan either modified or come up with a new plan in alignment with the Outdoor Recreation Alliance goals, work on deer management, evasive species planning, Mississippi Valley Conservancy goals, work with other local organizations and work with DNR. Motion by Marvin Wanders, second by Betty Woodruff to rescind the 2005 Hixon Forest Comprehensive Plan. (Unanimous)

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- C. **DIRECTOR - APPROVAL TO DISCUSS WITH UWL OPTIONS FOR MEMORIAL POOL AND UWL TENNIS COURTS.**
Robert Hetzel, UWL Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance, noted UWL is working on Capital Planning for the next 6 years and wanted to begin discussions and work collaboratively with the City for long term options of Memorial Pool and UWL Tennis Courts since the City currently utilizes them for summer programming. Motion by Betty Woodruff, second by Jerry Every to approve discussions with UWL options for Memorial Pool and UWL Tennis Courts and approve the following negotiating representatives of Sandra Cleary, Jim Webb and Mark Terpstra. (Unanimous)

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD. NONE

Motion by Betty Woodruff, second by Jerry Every to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 06:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S.C. Carlyon".

Steven C. Carlyon
Director

Mark Terpstra
Secretary

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