



# 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, April 17, 2014

7:00 PM

Black River Beach Neighborhood Center  
1433 Rose Street  
La Crosse WI 54603

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### Call to Order, Roll Call

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.*

**Present:** 5 - Ryan Cornett, Jerry Every, Mark Terpstra, Jim Webb, Betty Woodruff

**Excused:** 4 - Paul Medinger, Gregory Sheehan, Marvin Wanders, Sandy Cleary

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 20, 2014 meeting were read and approved.

### Agenda Items:

- A Jean Chromey/Myrick EcoPark - Review and Approval of the following items:

*Rental application/approval of events serving alcohol Myrick Hixon EcoPark.  
Barb Ramsey – May 24, 2014 – Graduation Party  
Nancy Gerrard – May 31, 2014 – Graduation Party  
Bianca Basten – June 28, 2014 – Wedding Reception  
Karen Londre – August 15, 2014 – Rehearsal Dinner  
Clare Rasmussen – August 9, 2014 – Rehearsal Dinner*

*The board briefly reviewed applications and discussed concerns about closing time of events being after the 11:00 pm park closing time.*

**Motion by Mark Terpstra, second by Jerry Every to approve all events and noted the director handle administratively the closing times for events with the EcoPark Staff. Motion carried (unanimous).**

**Motion by Betty Woodruff, second by Greg Sheehan to approve the Rental Application with the closing time for EcoPark events to be changed from midnight to 11:00 pm same as the approved park closing time. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- B La Crosse Loggers - Approval of a permanent space under the 1st base grandstand to serve as a video control room that will house video equipment.

*Ben Kapanke, representing the La Crosse Loggers, reviewed the plan for the space under the grandstand and noted it is not considered in the flood plain area.*

**Motion by Betty Woodruff, second by Greg Sheehan, to approve the permanent space under the 1st base grandstand to serve as a video control room that will house video equipment. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- C La Crosse Loggers - Addition of a paved sidewalk around the cabin/deck areas that would allow for easier access for wheelchairs into the log cabins.

*The board reviewed the design drawing of where the sidewalks would be placed around the cabins and briefly discussed run off from the sidewalk.*

**Motion by Jim Webb, second by Greg Sheehan, to approve the addition of a paved sidewalk around the cabin/deck areas of the log cabins within the fenced area of Copeland Park. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- D Pat Stephens/Rotary Lights - Approval of retail sales operation for Rotary Lights (Santa Gift Shop) in Riverside Park for annual Rotary Lights celebration.

*Pat Stephens, representing Rotary Lights Inc., reviewed plan to sell licensed Rotary Lights items from Santa's Workshop. They would open the shop the two Saturdays before the opening night of Rotary Lights and continue to sell Rotary Lights apparel such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, DVD's etc. until closing on December 31st. All proceeds from sales would be divided between Rotary and the charities/nonprofit organizations Rotary generally donates to.*

**Motion by Greg Sheehan, second by Mark Terpstra, to approve retail sale operations for Rotary Lights from the Santa's Gift Shop/Workshop in Riverside Park the two Saturdays before the Annual Rotary Lights Celebration and during the Rotary Lights celebration. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- E Mark Hyde/Pettibone Boat Club - Request design approval for new Pettibone Boat Club Facility.

*Mark Hyde, representing the Pettibone Boat Club, along with Todd Hase reviewed design plans with the board. New building would be 4500 square feet vs 3000 square feet, have flushing toilets, showers outside for transient boaters, more windows and provide a more open concept within the facility. Construction would start after the boating season.*

**Motion by Betty Woodruff, second by Jerry Every, to approve the design for the new Pettibone Boat Club. Motion carried (unanimous).**

- F Sue Howe/ORR - Presentation to discuss ORR and the way forward.

*Sue Howe, Executive Director of the Outdoor Recreation Alliance, presented a power point program outlining the goals and plans for the Outdoor Recreation Alliance. She explained the 7 Rivers Area offers a wide variety of activities for nature enthusiasts such as biking, kayaking, sailing, skiing, ice sailing, fishing of all types, bird watching and numerous trails. ORR's goal is to promote healthy active living and putting the region on the maps as a number one place to live and vacation. The board thanked Sue Howe for her presentation and noted they are looking forward to working closely with ORR to achieve their goals.*

- G Mandy Roush/Root Down Yoga - Approval to use Cameron Park for Yoga instruction.

*Mandy Roush, representing Root Down Yoga, reviewed last year's free yoga instruction offered at Cameron Park. Due to some confusion regarding payment and who to contact regarding use of the park the yoga groups did not pay the approve fee for use of the park last year. Each group collected/donated food to the food pantry and provided proof of insurance for their yoga sessions in the park. Mandy felt yoga in the park has been a success and all participants from last year wanted to hold yoga sessions in the park again for 2014. The board would like to see the yoga*

*community/studios partner with the Parks and Recreation Department to provide more programming/giving back to the neighborhood communities.*

**Motion by Mark Terpstra, second by Betty Woodruff, to approve the use of Cameron Park for Yoga Instruction, the yoga groups pay the approved fee of \$60, provide proof of insurance for events and to consider a partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department for 2015. Motion carried (unanimous).**

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Resolution authorizing the Board of Park Commissioners to designate user fees for specific park improvement funds.

*The director reviewed the resolution drafted for the City Council. The Board of Parks Commissioner currently has the authority to disperse funds by resolution and the director would like to see a more streamline process to dedicate specific user funds to be identified for specific use in the parks for improvements. He would like to the Common Council to allow the Park Board blanket approval to designate any and all user fees into their respective Park Improvement Fund/Funds.*

**Motion by Jim Webb, second by Mark Terpstra to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion carried (unanimous).**

**I**     Director - Resolution authorizing the Parks and Recreation Department to procure a tree/brush chipper.

*The director noted there was 2012/2013 equipment funds available to use and with a continued proactive approach to the Emerald Borer Action Plan this piece of equipment is necessary to procure to keep a concentrated effort on removal of trees from the boulevard with public safety being a top priority.*

**Motion by Jerry Every, second by Mark Terpstram, to authorize the Parks and Recreation Department to procure a tree/brush chipper. Motion carried (unanimous).**

## Adjournment

**Motion by Mark Terpstra, second by Jim Webb, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.**