



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Thursday, May 18, 2023

5:30 PM

In Person: City Hall - Council Chambers
400 La Crosse St, La Crosse, WI
Virtual

Call to Order

The Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Tracy Littlejohn, Sandy Cleary, Chris Kahlow, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson, Rebecca Schwarz, Patrick Wilson

Absent: 3 - Robert Young, Vacant 1, Vacant 1

Others Present

Staff: Jay Odegaard, Kate Kroll, Aimee Schmidt, Leah Miller, Jim Flottmeyer, Dan Trussoni

Council Members: Barb Janssen, Mackenzie Mindel, Chris Woodard, Jennifer Trost, Mark Nuemann

Others: Devan Weis, Haleigh Doyle, Morgan Hoff, Zachary Treblehorn, Chuck Lee, Katie Rowna Kenen, Judy Aufenthie, Sarah Pataska, Kari Hanson, Jay Lokken, Dan Kapanke, Sue Knopf, Jean Sutter, Colleen and Jerry Drollinger, Anita Froegel, Arlene Zei, Marilyn Berry, Donna Bartuski, Willee and Mary Russell, Janice Kroll, Robert Suhr, William Kroll, Thomas Link, Heather Lyman, Don Murphy, Suellyn Colbert, Dorothy Murphy, Pam Schumulch, Vickie Evenson

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Cleary to approve the March 16, 2023 minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.

Notices and Discussions

Election of Officers

A motion was made by Schwarz to nominate Kahlow for Chair, Kahlow accepted.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Cleary to nominate Young as Vice Chair, the motion carried by voice vote.

Agenda Items:

[23-0559](#)

Request designation of members to the negotiation team for lease agreement regarding summer collegiate softball at Copeland Park.

Kirsch and Schwarz have agreed to be on the negotiation team.

[23-0568](#)

Request to approve a children's carnival and silent auction fundraiser at Weigent Park on July 15, 2023.

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

[23-0564](#)

Request to approve alcohol at Black River Beach North Pavilion on July 1, 2023 for a party.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cleary, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0553](#)

Request to approve the Enchanted Forest at Riverside Park on October 28, 2023; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of all other city and county permits, including Special Event Permit through the Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cleary, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0554](#)

Request to approve the Maple Leaf Run in Riverside Park on September 30, 2023; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of all other city and county permits, including Special Event Permit through the Clerk's Office.

A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Schwarz, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0556](#)

Request to approve Downtown Art Market to host the Summer Art Market on June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, 2023; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of all other city and county permits, including Special Event Permit through the Clerk's Office.

Attachments: [SECOND SATURDAY ART MARKET REQUEST.pdf](#)
[Art Market Map 2023.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Schwarz, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0569](#)

Request to approve the use of the Gateway Trails for the Women's Mountain Bike Clinic, which charges a fee, on June 24, 2023, presented by Outdoor Recreation Alliance.

Attachments: [Womens Mountain Bike Clinic.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0558](#)

Request to approve purple ribbons around trees in Riverside Park from June 9-16, 2023, for Elderly Abuse Awareness week.

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

[23-0555](#)

Request to approve the Riverland Amateur Radio Club to use Hass Park over night on June 24-25, 2023 for Field Day; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of all other city and county permits, including Special Event Permit through the Clerk's Office.

Attachments: [Riverland Amateur Radio Club.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0562](#)

Request to approve a welcome sign in Riverside Park, presented by Explore La Crosse and La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department.

Attachments: [Riverside Signage](#)

To be up from April 1st to October 31st

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Littlejohn, that this Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0551](#)

Request to approve the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and the Friends of the La Crosse River Marsh.

Attachments: [2023 MOU with Friends of the Marsh .pdf](#)

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

[23-0574](#)

Request to approve the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse, Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and the Friends of the Blufflands.

Attachments: [City of La Crosse and FBL MOU 2023 draft.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Littlejohn, that the Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Littlejohn, Cleary, Kahlow, Kirsch, Olson, Schwarz

Absent: 2 - Young, Vacant 1

Abstain: 1 - Wilson

[23-0575](#)

Request to approve the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department and the Outdoor Recreation Alliance of the 7 Rivers Region.

Attachments: [2023 City of Lax ORA Trails MOU FINAL.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Schwarz, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0552](#)

Request to approve the renewal of the La Crosse Queen lease.

Attachments: [La Crosse Queen License update 2023.pdf](#)

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

[23-0557](#)

Request to approve the nature loop addition to the existing Bud Hendrickson Trail; presented by Outdoor Recreation Alliance Trails; contingent on required permits.

Attachments: [ParkDonation_BHNatureLoopTrail_20230425.docx.pdf](#)
[FINAL_BH_Nature_Loop_Construction.docx.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Schwarz, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0573](#)

Request to approve the resolution in support of grant funding through the Department of Natural Resources for the Aspen Trail Bridge Replacement Project.

Attachments: [Aspen Resolution.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Wilson, that this Request be APPROVED . The motion carried by voice vote.

[23-0561](#)

Update on the 2023 Parks Maintenance Plan.

Attachments: [2023 Parks Maintenance Plan.pdf](#)

NO ACTION TAKEN

[23-0594](#)

Discussion on Downtown District Neighborhood Concerns Related to Park Conditions.

NO ACTION TAKEN

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

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.

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