



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Thursday, April 18, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

Rollcall

Others Present:

Jay Odegaard, Dan Trussoni, Jim Flottmeyer, Jared Flick, Kat Craugh, Aimee Schmidt, Leah Miller, Sami Meyer, David Reinhart, Jed Olson, Kyle Coleman, Ruth Deritt, Chuck Lee, Gary Thurk, Michael Quam, Scott Ziolkowski, Marty Walleser, Jon Rigden, Terry Bauer

Present: 8 - Chris Kahlow, Eileen Kirsch, Patrick Wilson, Rebecca Schwarz, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Tim Alberts, Todd Olson

Excused: 1 - Tracy Littlejohn

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Olson, that the March 21, 2024 minutes be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts, Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

Agenda Items:

[24-0435](#)

Request to approve additional fencing to Bluffview Park backstop.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Wilson, that the General Item be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts, Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0533](#)

Request to approve the use of Upper Hixon Forest trail system for Outdoor Recreation Alliance's Women's Mountain Bike Clinic, which charges a fee, on Friday July 26th to Sunday, July 28th 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 Kirsch, seconded by Schwarz, that the General Item be **APPROVED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0534](#)

Request to approve the use of Copeland Park Pavilion for Oktoberfest Frau's Garage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, May 4th 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 Schwarz, seconded by Kirsch, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0537](#)

Request to approve the 2nd Annual AIA Tailgate Fundraiser in Weigent Park on August 24, 2024; 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 Cleary, seconded by Wilson, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0538](#)

Request to approve the Sally Splash event at Myrick Park on August 3, 2024; 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 Cleary, seconded by Olson, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0540](#)

Request to approve repairs to Copeland Park West Boathouse #27.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0546](#)

Request from Moon Tunes to display event signage (6 feet deep, 16 feet long, 5 feet tall) at Riverside Park in 2024 solely on concert days.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that the General Item be APPROVED. Applicant stated they wish to decline due to the cost of the sign. Applicant is able to reapply if they find other options. The motion failed by the following vote:

No: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0549](#)

Request to approve Pettibone Resort 2024 Flood Evacuation Plan.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Schwarz, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Alberts,Olson

No: 1 - Cleary

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0561](#)

Request to approve OASIS build-out for seasonal refreshments at the Hatchery in Riverside Park; contingent on the required approvals and issuance of all other city and county permits.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Olson, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0541](#)

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

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Wilson, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0542](#)

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.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

Abstain: 1 - Wilson

[24-0544](#)

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

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Cleary, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0545](#)

Request to approve the resolution in support of grant funding through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a Recreational Trails Program grant.

A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Olson, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Kahlow, Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0554](#)

Request to approve usership of Birch Trail from hike only to shared use, including bicycles.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Cleary, that the General Item be REFERRED for 90 days in order to get a better picture of hikability and bikability of what is present, how it would change, and allow input from the public. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Kahlow, Wilson, Schwarz, Cleary,Olson

No: 3 - Kirsch, Young,Alberts

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

[24-0555](#)

Request to approve the design concept plan to reroute sections of the existing Bicentennial Trail.

A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Cleary, that the General Item be APPROVED . The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Kirsch, Wilson, Schwarz, Young, Cleary, Alberts,Olson

No: 1 - Kahlow

Excused: 1 - Littlejohn

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37pm.