



# 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, July 16, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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*In an effort to keep the public, City staff, and Park Board Members as safe as possible from the spread of COVID-19, the committee meeting was conducted through video conferencing.*

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*This meeting was open for attendance in person. Agenda items approved for Public Hearing by the committee are open to public comment. For anyone entering City Hall, social distancing is enforced and face masks are required.*

*Members of the public may provide written comments on any agenda item by:*

*E-mail: [gerloffc@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:gerloffc@cityoflacrosse.org), Mail: Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, 400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601, or by using the drop-box outside of City Hall.*

#### Call to Order

Board President Paul Medinger called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. as presiding officer.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 8 - Paul Medinger, Marvin Wanders, Jim Webb, Roger Christians, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Eileen Kirsch, Todd Olson

#### City Council Members Present

Larry Sleznikow, Chris Kahlow, Gary Padesky, Jessica Olson, Mayor Tim Kabat, and Phillip Ostrem

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2020, meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

##### Motion to Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Kirsch to open Public Hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

[20-0947](#)

Request to remove Hiawatha Statue from Riverside Park submitted by Mayor Tim Kabat.

**A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Webb, that the Request be REFERRED for 30 days . The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Webb, Medinger, Wanders,Olson

**No:** 4 - Christians, Young, Cleary,Kirsch

**After the Motion to Refer failed there was further discussion; which led to a motion that was made by Young, seconded by Christians, that the Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED to HAVE PARKS STAFF PROCEED WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE STATUE AND BEGIN RESEARCHING ART INSTALLATIONS TO REPLACE IT.**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes: 8 - Webb, Medinger, Wanders, Christians, Young, Cleary, Kirsch,Olson**

### **Motion to Close Public Hearing**

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Kirsch to close the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.**

**The motion carried by voice vote.**

### **Agenda Items:**

[20-0909](#)

Request to change the vegetation in the Boulevard at 112 24th Street South.

**A motion was made by Kirsch, seconded by Wanders, that this Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED to CHANGE VEGETATION IN THE BOULEVARD AT 112 24TH STREET SOUTH WITH THE APPROVAL AND ASSISTANCE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT . The motion carried by voice vote.**

[20-0940](#)

Request to approve repairs to be made to boathouse located at 1121 Copeland Park Drive, #H5, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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

[20-0910](#)

Request to approve a six month lease with River City Youth Hockey for operation of Green Island Ice Arena.

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Young, that this Request be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.**

[20-0925](#)

Request to approve the Use Agreement with Aquinas Catholic Schools for use of the Green Island Tennis Courts.

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

[20-0943](#)

Request to approve the Use Agreement with the University of Wisconsin at La Crosse for use of the Green Island Tennis Courts.

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

[20-0955](#)

Request to place a temporary tent in Civic Center Park from August 10, 2020 through August 14, 2020 submitted by RDG-USA.

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Kirsch, that this Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED to place a temporary tent in Civic Center Park from AUGUST 11, 2020 through August 14, 2020 AND HAVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INSPECT THE TENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT.**

**The motion carried by voice vote.**

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Kirsch to Adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.**

*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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