



# 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, August 20, 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 will be conducted through video conferencing.*

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*This meeting will be 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 5:30 p.m. as presiding officer.

#### Roll Call

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

**Excused:** 1 - Jim Webb

#### City Council Members Present

Phillip Ostrem

## Others Present

**Park and Rec Staff:**

Jay Odegaard, Kerry Gloede, Jim Flottmeyer, Leah Burns, Kate Kroll, and Christa Gerloff

**Virtual Guests:**

John Sullivan, Christa Kiersch, Holly Honish, Tami Nururidin, Jennifer Williams, Tony Brenengen, Gus Fimble, and Gary Thurk

**In Chamber Guests:**

Tracy & Larry LaFleur, Vicki Magadanz, Tony Alexander, Dennis & Joyce Smalley, Paul Lydon, and Leslie Olson

## Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Christians, seconded by Kirsch, to approve the minutes from the July 16, 2020 meeting. The motion carried on voice vote.

## Agenda Items:

[20-1169](#)

Request to host the Hearts in the Park event at Cameron Park on September 1, 2020, and pay the 50% fee of \$35 for a community based event.

**Item was dismissed.**

[20-1148](#)

Request to approve the landscaping proposal for 349 24th Street South.

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

[20-1163](#)

Request to approve the proposed garden in the traffic circle at 17th Street and Madison Street submitted by Christa Kiersch on behalf of the 17th and Madison Neighborhood Association.

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

[20-1168](#)

Request to approve the proposed garden in the traffic circle at 20th Street and Farnam Street submitted by Krista Hamilton on behalf of the Holy Trinity-Longfellow Neighborhood Association.

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

[20-1164](#)

Request to approve boathouse repairs at 421 Clinton Street H4 and H5.

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

### Motion to Open Public Hearing

A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Olson, to open a Public Hearing. The motion carried on voice vote.

[20-1165](#)

Request to approve the terms of the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Art Donation Agreement.

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

Those amendments include:

**-DOCUMENT TITLE: Art Donation Agreement & General Guidelines**

**- POLICY (A):** The Department, in coordination with the City Arts Board, shall be responsible for...

**- POLICY (B):** ... service to the City and advances the City as a cultural destination.

**-GENERAL CRITERIA (1):** ...goals of the Department and the City Arts Board, and not be limited...

**-PROCEDURE (C):** Staff will direct the Donor to the Board of Park Commissioners for final review and consultation with the City Arts Board.

**- VERBIAGE TO BE ADDED:** "The intent of the document is to provide general guidelines for the Board of Park Commissioners; the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department Staff, and the Art Board. These entities reserve the right to make modifications to the terms and conditions as needed."

[20-1166](#)

Request to have the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department develop a process, outline a strategy for replacing the Hiawatha statue in Riverside Park, and present that plan to the Board of Park Commissioners by February of 2021.

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

[20-1000](#)

Discussion and Action on Request for Qualifications for Riverside Park Artwork

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

[20-1068](#)

Resolution approving a 25-year utility corridor agreement between the City of La Crosse, Mississippi Valley Conservancy, Inc., Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Northern States Power Company.

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

20-1147

Request to approve the 2021-2022 slip fee's for Veteran's Point Marina & Municipal Harbor.

A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Kirsch, that the Request be REFERRED to the Board of Park Commissioners on 9/17/2020. The motion failed.

After further discussion...

A motion was made by Wanders, seconded by Kirsch, that the Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED.

The amendments include:

- Only fee's for the 2021 season were approved.
- It will be a 10% fee increase from 2020 to 2021
- City of La Crosse residents will receive a discount
- There will be no discount for paying the total owed by November 1, 2020.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 7 - Medinger, Wanders, Christians, Littlejohn, Young, Kirsch, Olson

**Excused:** 1 - Webb

**Abstain:** 1 - Cleary

### Motion to Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, to close a Public Hearing. The motion carried on voice vote.

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kirsch, to Adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.. The motion carried on 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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