



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Board of Park Commissioners

Thursday, October 21, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual: Via Lifesize
In Person: Southside Neighborhood Center
1300 6th Street South, La Crosse, WI

Call to Order

Vice President Robbie Young called the meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 5:31 p.m. and presided over the meeting.

Roll Call

Present: 6 - Jim Webb, Robert Young, Sandy Cleary, Chris Kahlow, Todd Olson, Rebecca Schwarz
Excused: 3 - Tracy Littlejohn, Eileen Kirsch, Jacqueline Marcou

Others Present

City Council Members: Mark Neumann & Jennifer Trost

Park & Rec Staff Members: Jay Odegaard, Kerry Gloede, Dan Trussoni, Jim Flottmeyer, Jared Flick, Kate Kroll, Tracy Rudi, and Christa Berg

Virtual Guests: Ryan Westpfahl

In-Person Guests: Gary Thurk, Chris Hofland, Marty Walleser, Corissa Seely, Tiffany Smith, P. Olson, Carmen DeYoe, Bruce Norden, Jared Leis, Carla Pena, Mary Kay Kavanaugh, Clint Grabhorn, Cassandra Grabhorn, Jason McRoberts, Jim Klock, Tim Hougum, Sherry Hougum, Hayden Schmidt, and Nick Bennett

Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2021

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Cleary to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2021, Board of Park Commissioners meeting. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

Open Public Hearing

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

[21-1480](#) Request to approve the installation of a 'Little Free Library' at Clayton Johnson Park.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kahlow, that this Request be APPROVED.

The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1481](#) Request to approve the Boulevard Landscaping plan for 333 Vine Street.

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Kahlow, that this Request be APPROVED.

The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1499](#) Request to approve boulevard modification plans to 2107 and 2109 Farnam Street.

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

[21-1486](#) Request to approve an easement in the northwest quadrant of Hillview and La Crosse Street submitted by Xcel Energy.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb, that this Request be APPROVED.

The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1526](#) Request to apply for a Department of Natural Resources Grant to seal coat and strip in the parking lots at Veterans Freedom Boat Landing and Municipal Harbor Boat Landing.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Cleary, that this Request be APPROVED.

The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1482](#) Request to approve the concept and location of the Veterans Freedom Park - Recreation Center submitted by the La Crosse Curling Club.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb, that this Request be APPROVED.

The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1483](#) Request to approve the Annual Pettibone Boat Club Slip Rental Agreements, Member Agreements, Fees, Rules and Regulations for 2022.

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

Yes: 5 - Webb, Young, Kahlow, Olson, Schwarz

Excused: 3 - Littlejohn, Kirsch, Marcou

Abstain: 1 - Cleary

[21-1484](#)

Request to approve the updated rules, regulations, fees, and camping agreement for Pettibone Resort.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Kahlow, that the Request be APPROVED AS AMENDED:

Page 1; SECTION: Campsite Care: The charge for this is \$30 per mowing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Webb, Young, Kahlow, Olson, Schwarz

Excused: 3 - Littlejohn, Kirsch, Marcou

Abstain: 1 - Cleary

[21-1485](#)

Request to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of La Crosse Park, Recreation and Forestry Department and the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse for parking space near Veterans Memorial Pool.

A motion was made by Schwarz, seconded by Cleary, that this Request be APPROVED.

The motion carried by voice vote.

[21-1513](#)

Request to approve a lease between the City of La Crosse Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department; and Hatchery, LLC for property located at 520 Veterans Memorial Drive East.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb to Approve.

A motion was made by Kahlow, seconded by Olson to AMEND:

---- SECTION 5: HATCHERY LLC RESPONSIBILITIES, the addition of Item J:

J.) HATCHERY LLC RECOGNIZES THAT THE LEASED PREMISES ARE SURROUNDED BY THE RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, A PLACE OF BEAUTY AND PEACE ENJOYED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND IT WILL DO NOTHING TO DISTRACT FROM THESE GARDENS. HATCHERY LLC WILL NOT DO ANYTHING THAT WILL HARM OR DETRACT FROM THE PEACEFUL ATMOSPHERE AND GENERAL PUBLIC USE OF SAID GARDENS. HATCHERY LLC WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES CAUSED TO THE RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL GARDENS BY ITS EMPLOYEES, CUSTOMERS, OR CONTRACTORS. HATCHERY LLC WILL WORK COOPERATIVELY AND IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE RIVERSIDE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP GARDENS BOARD AND WILL PROVIDE OUTSIDE ACCESS TO THE LEASED GARAGE FOR GARDEN TOOL STORAGE.

---- SECTION 7: FEES: REVENUE AND RELATED FINANCIAL MATTERS, the addition of verbiage to ii:

ii.) ... funds to finance improvements in and around the International Gardens ON AN ANNUAL BASIS.

---- SECTION 10: INDEMNIFICATION, the addition of verbiage to a:

a.) ... hold harmless the City, its elected and appointed offices, officers, employees, authorized representatives, BOARD MEMBERS AND ALL volunteers and each....

---- EXHIBIT "C", updated boundary lines as highlighted on the AMENDED - APPENDIX C, attached to the Item.

The motion carried by voice vote.

As amended, the motion was APPROVED by voice vote.

Close Public Hearing

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Webb to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Webb, seconded by Cleary to Adjourn the meeting at 6:41 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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