



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

*Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner,
Joey LeGath, Krystyna Sarrazin, Christina Mueller, Kiana
Johnson, Melissa Lemke, Mary Land*

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis & Jena Kohlman

Guests: Kari Dawson, Beth Heidorn & Eric Bickel

Vice Chair Kaprelian called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

PRESENT: 9 - Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Melissa Lemke, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner, Krystyna Sarrazin, Christina Mueller, Kiana Johnson and Mary Land

EXCUSED: 1 - Joey LeGath

Approval of the April 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Lemke arrived at 5:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Hemmig to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

No Public Input

Directors Report

Sarrazin arrived at 5:17 p.m.

Molbeck advised the members the janitorial specifications at the community centers have changed. Stripping, waxing of floors will now be bid out separately. The janitorial service will perform basic cleaning and mopping.

Movies in the Park schedule is set.

Applicant numbers for the Summer Student Employment Programs have decreased. This includes Playground Leaders, Lifeguards and Seasonal Parks Labor positions. PRCS has 14 of the 16 lifeguard positions filled. There will likely be 4 lifeguards stands versus the previous 5 stands at North Beach to allow Zoo Beach to be guarded this season.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lemke to Receive and File the Meeting Minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Approval of the April 20, 2015 Cemetery Commissioner's Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Hemmig and seconded by Mueller to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Zoological Report

Beth Heidorn, the new Zoo Executive Director introduced herself to the members and provided several highlights:

- She is participating in all interviews to aide in hiring to build the future.
- One on one meetings with all staff.
- Participated in S.A.F.E. (Saving Animals from Extinction).
- May 15 was Endangered Species Day.
- May 16 celebrated Andean Bear Day.
- Members Night May 21.
- Focusing on customer service. Employees are receiving training.
- Looking to a variety of walking tours. Basic tours will be kept. Will be adding levels to hit a wide range of interests.

A motion was made by Lehner and seconded by Lemke to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Skydive Midwest Demo Jump at Pershing Park Request

Molbeck explained the main concern is the legal paperwork being executed prior to the event. This would need to be handled by the City Attorney's Office before the City would provide full approval to perform the jump. The FAA recently had provided verbal approval to the City Attorney's Office.

Bickel explained all 3 sky divers are pro-rated, meaning they have all landed in a 10 meter circle, 10 consecutive times. They have scouted the area and landing locations have been selected. He explained there are strict requirements with the weather. Should the conditions not be right, the jump will be called off.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Mueller to approve Skydive Midwest to have skydivers land onto the fenced soccer field at Pershing Park at approximately 8:45 a.m. prior to the start of the Color Run on Saturday, May 23, 2015 provided all necessary legal paperwork, including insurance is handled properly with the City Attorney's Office. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Focus on Community 5k Walk/Run Event at Pershing Park Request

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Mueller to approve Focus on Community's request to utilize Pershing Park and the Lake Michigan Pathway on Saturday, September 12, 2015 for their 5k walk/run. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Central Open Grand Slam Event at North Beach Request

A motion was made by Schaal and seconded by Lemke to approve the Badger Region Volleyball Association's request to utilize a portion of North Beach on Saturday, July 11, 2015 and Sunday, July 12, 2015 for the Central Open Grand Slam Event. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Discussion: PRCS Board Chair Nomination

A motion was made by Schaal seconded by Hemmig to nominate Kaprelian as chair to the PRCS Board. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Kaprelian seconded by Hemmig to nominate Mueller as vice chair to the PRCS Board. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[15-00285](#)

Subject: Communication from the President of Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. requesting permission to use City right-of-way for the 4th of July parade and permission to use North Beach for the fireworks.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee on 04-14-15: That permission be granted to Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. to close certain City streets on Saturday, July 4, 2015, from 7:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., to hold the 2015 Independence Day Parade.

Further recommends that in the interest of public safety, the Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer and Chief of Police be authorized and directed to close the following streets:

Main Street from Shoreland Avenue to 14th Street; 14th Street from the lake to Racine Street; Michigan Boulevard from Goold Street to St. Patrick Street; Ruby Avenue from South Street to Shoreland Avenue; Walton Avenue, Romaine Avenue, Augusta Street, Wolff Street, William Street, Isabelle Avenue and Melvin Avenue from Main Street to Geneva Street; on Saturday, July 4, 2015, to provide for a Municipal Band Concert, to be held at North Beach Gazebo, and the fireworks display, as part of the Independence Day festivities.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized and directed to communicate with the U.S. Coast Guard requesting permission to close the Main Street and State Street bridges to boat traffic for the period from 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and from 9:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance, in the interest of public safety, to implement this event.

Fiscal Note: Since the City is a co-sponsor of this event, there are no stipulations.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 05-20-15: To waive municipal code 70.101 - closing hours, to allow use of North Beach Park until approximately 10:30 p.m.

for the 2015 Fourth Fest activities and to also waive Municipal Code 70.80 to allow Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. to shoot off fireworks along the North Pier on July 4, 2015.

Fiscal Note: Since the City is a co-sponsor of this event, there are no stipulations.

Attachments: [Fourth Fest 2015](#)

A motion was made by Schaal seconded by Hemmig to approve the waiver of municipal code 70.101 – closing hours, to allow Fourth Fest of Greater Racine, Inc. use of North Beach until approximately 10:30 p.m. and to also approve Fourth Fest's request to waive Municipal Code 70.80 to allow the shooting off of fireworks along the North Pier on July 4, 2015. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[15-00370](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Real Racine Events Director requesting to use North Beach Park and to close Hoffert Drive on Friday, August 7, Saturday, August 8, and Sunday, August 9, 2015 for "Slide the City".

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 05-20-15: To allow Real Racine and Slide the City LLC to utilize portions of North Beach Park and partial closure of Hoffert Drive Friday, August 7, 2015 through Sunday, August 9, 2015 for the "Slide the City" event.

Fiscal Note: Park Permit Fees & Charges

Attachments: [2015 SLIDE THE CITY PARKS REQUEST \(2\)](#)

Kari Dawson of Real Racine described the event in detail. North Beach Park was toured and had been deemed a suitable location for this event. The State Health Department got involved in February. State permitting was delayed until April. The City Health Department does now have everything needed to move forward with this event. She is now requesting approval from the PRCS Board. She iterated there would be no cost to the taxpayers. Permitting, water, etc. would all be paid for by Real Racine or by the event itself. It is their hope from a tourism perspective they will also attract many from outside of the city to North Beach.

Dawson explained access to the Oasis parking lot and the Kid's Cove parking lot would remain open. Only portions of Hoffert Drive and a section of the east bound lane of Michigan Blvd. would be restricted. Full details are in the communication.

A motion was made by Lemke seconded by Schaal to approve Real Racine's request to utilize North Beach Park and to close down Hoffert Drive, Friday, August 7, 2015 through Sunday, August 9, 2015 for the "Slide the City" event. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

