



# City of Racine

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

*Chairman Terry McCarthy*  
*Kristen Kaprelian*  
*Amy Schaal*  
*Keith Hemmig*  
*Ben Lehner*  
*Joey LeGath*  
*Krystyna Sarrazin*  
*Christina Mueller*  
*Pamala Handrow*  
*Kiana Johnson*

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Wednesday, July 9, 2014

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call To Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by Vice Chair Kristen Kaprelian.*

*Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Becky Spika*

*Guests: Ald. Sandy Weidner, Don Kirt*

**PRESENT:** 6 - Ben Lehner, Kiana Johnson, Pamala Handrow, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal and Krystyna Sarrazin

**ABSENT:** 1 - Christina Mueller

**EXCUSED:** 3 - Keith Hemmig, Joey LeGath and Terry McCarthy

**14-10340**

**Subject:** Approval of the Wednesday, June 11, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [June 11, 2014 PRCS Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Kiana Johnson to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.**

### Public Input

*No Public Input.*

**14-10341**

**Subject:** Director's Report

**Attachments:** [Director's Report July](#)

*Director Molbeck reviewed the status of the Pershing Park Boat Launch project, the outcome of 4th Fest, Hershey Track & Field competition results, and the upcoming Main Gallery 20th Anniversary celebration.*

*Ben Lehner praised the Racine Police Department's crowd control efforts at 4th Fest.*

*Ald. Sarrazin praised the cleanup efforts organized by Melissa Kaprelian-Becker following 4th Fest. Ald. Sarrazin also commended PRCS for a well-planned Juneteenth Day celebration at the Dr. John Bryant Community Center.*

**A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin to Receive and File the June Director's Report. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.**

**14-10342**

**Subject:** Approval of the Cemetery Commissioner's June 16, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes June 16, 2014](#)

*Director Molbeck reported the Board of Cemetery Commissioners are reviewing fees, charges and package pricing. The CIMS upgrade will proceed once all mapping is corrected/updated.*

**A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Kiana Johnson to Approve the Cemetery Commissioners' Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.**

**14-10345**

**Subject:** Zoological Report

**Attachments:** [Zoological Report July 2014](#)

**A motion was made by Kiana Johnson and seconded by Pamala Handrow to Receive and File the Zoological Report. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.**

**Presentation: United Way, Born Learning Trails**

*Director Molbeck indicated the United Way Born Learning Trails group would like to place an activity trail at Lockwood Park. PRCS is working with the group to ensure it will be modified and placed in an appropriate area. Ben Lehner suggested Clayton Park as another possible location.*

**14-10336**

**Subject:** Communication from the Root River Council Chair requesting permission to host live animals for a petting zoo and horse show in conjunction with the Root River Festival at Island Park on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 7-9-14:** To approve the communication from the Root River Council to waive Section 70-90 of the Municipal code to allow animals at Island Park for a petting zoo and horse show on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Root River Festival 2014](#)

*Director Molbeck indicated PRCS is amenable to having the ordinance restrictions*

*waived for the event with the understanding that PRCS be informed of event plans and that modifications be made to the placement of animals in the event of rain or inclement weather.*

**A motion was made by Ald. Krystyna Sarrazin and seconded by Amy Schaal to Approve the communication from the Root River Council to waive Section 70-90 of the municipal code to allow animals at Island Park for a petting zoo and horse show on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.**

**(5) AYE: Kiana Johnson, Pamala Handrow, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Krystyna Sarrazin**

**(1) ABSTAIN: Ben Lehner**

**14-10296**

**Subject: (Direct Referral)** Communication from the Alderman of the 6th District requesting referral to the PRCS Commission of a revision to amend Sec. 102.76 of the Municipal Code to include language granting authority to the City Forester to issue orders on private property within the city that constitute a hazard to life and property.

**Recommendation from the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 7-9-14:** To Defer the communication from District 6 Alderman Sandy Weidner to revise and amend Sec. 102.76 of the Municipal Code to include language granting authority to the City Forester to issue orders on private property within the city that constitute a hazard to life and property.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Communication from Alderman Weidner RE Amendment to Muni Code 102 7](#)

*Director Molbeck indicated that the City Attorney's office will be reviewing liability concerns of the amendment and asked that the item be deferred until their input is received.*

*Resident Don Kirt addressed the Board with his concerns about a dead and dangerous tree on a neighbor's property.*

*Ald. Weidner indicated that homeowners and residents have few options to address safety issues of trees on private property.*

**A motion was made by Amy Schaal and seconded by Kiana Johnson to Defer the communication from District 6 Alderman Sandy Weidner to revise and amend Sec. 102.76 of the Municipal Code to include language granting authority to the City Forester to issue orders on private property within the city that constitutes a hazard to life and property. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.**

**Adjournment**

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.*

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