



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
Kiana Johnson
Krystyna Sarrazin
Pamala Handrow
Christina Mueller

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

5:15 PM

Bryant Community Center, 601 21st St.

Call To Order

Chairman McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Lesia Hill-Driver & Jena Kohlman

Guests: Julie Ogren, Scott Schuit, Linda Rosenthal, Jay Christie & Sandy Christensen

PRESENT: 8 - Kristen Kaprelian, Amy Schaal, Ben Lehner, Terry McCarthy, Kiana Johnson, Krystyna Sarrazin, Pamala Handrow and Christina Mueller

EXCUSED: 2 - Keith Hemmig and Joey LeGath

13-9406

Subject: Approval of the September 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PRCS Meeting Minutes September 11, 2013](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve the minutes. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote.

Public Input

No Public Input

13-9407

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report October 9, 2013](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Kristen Kaprelian and seconded by Pam Handrow to receive & file the report. The motion **PASSED** by voice vote.

13-9408

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioner's September 16,

2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Cemetery Meeting Minutes September 16, 2013](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to receive and file the minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

13-9409

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Zoological Report October 2013](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Kristen Kaprelian and seconded by Ben Lehner to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

Update of the Dr. John Bryant Community Center

Guest: Lesia Hill-Driver

Lesia Hill-Driver, Recreation Supervisor of the Dr. John Bryant Community Center, updated the members on the various activities and programs at the center. She also provided the board a list of the scheduled activities throughout the week. She highlighted the new program Fresh Cut Collective Youth Arts Program, sponsored by SC Johnson.

The official kick off of the Arts Performance Program will be October 15th. Handouts and flyers are being created as well. The Arts Performance Program is open to elementary to high school aged children. The first 10 weeks of the program will be drop in only, no registration will be required. As attendance increases, registration for the activities will be taken into consideration. A grand re-opening is being planned for sometime in January. Hill-Driver hopes to have painting and the mural in the works before then.

Update of Golf Course Renovations

Guest: Scott Schuit

Scott Schuit stated the renovation projects at Johnson Golf Course are now complete. He stated the turf drainage and erosion of the river issues are now corrected. They hope to be able to use the new greens next June. Revenue is down due to the renovation of the greens, however people are very excited about the improvements and he believes next season will be very successful.

13-9307

Subject: Communication from Sandy Christensen regarding the allowance of a dog at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 10-9-13: To allow PRCS staff to work with Johnson Golf Course Staff to regulate the dog at Johnson Golf Course during the daylight hours over the course of the winter months.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Johnsonparkdog \(2\)](#)

Sandy Christensen spoke in regards to her concern of the permittance of the dog at Johnson Golf Course. Christensen indicated when she returned from skiing one day last February, a dog was standing near her vehicle barking for approximately 30 seconds before a Johnson Park employee came over to retrieve the dog. It was noted the dog did not show aggression towards her. It was also indicated it was her belief an agreement had been made between a former Mayor and Johnson Golf Course to permit the dog on the premises for the purpose of chasing geese. Christensen believes the dog does not need to chase geese in the winter though also believes the dog should not be allowed on the premises at any time over the course of the year.

Molbeck explained the department has a letter on file from the WI DNR regarding the allowance of a dog at Johnson Golf Course for the purpose of harrassment of geese. He further explained the Municipal Code Chapter 10 Section 70-90 indicates at the direction of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services, designated city staff or contractors may bring onto any city park or beach a dog or dogs trained to chase designated birds, for the purpose of chasing such birds from the premises.

Ald. Sarrazin asked Scott Schuit why the dog may have been barking. Schuit was unsure, though stated perhaps it was the skis. Schaal questioned if there are a lot of geese in the winter which cause the need to have the dog present. Schuit indicated with the river in close proximity, the geese make their presence throughout the year. Schuit also stated this is the first complaint over the past 14 years he has received.

Sarrazin and Schaal agreed their should be restrictions over the winter months. Lehner stated dogs are trainable and questioned if the owner could get the dog accustomed to skis.

A motion was made by Krystyna Sarrazin and seconded by Amy Schaal for PRCS staff to work with Johnson Golf Course Staff to regulate the dog during daylight hours over the course of the winter months. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

Ayes (5): Amy Schaal, Kiana Johnson, Krystyna Sarrazin, Pamala Handrow, Christina Mueller

Noes (2): Kristen Kaprelian, Ben Lehner

13-9388

Subject: Communication from Julie Ogren requesting placement of a plaque in memory of Terry L Kammien Sr. at Humble Park.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 10-9-13: To allow Julie Ogren to work in conjunction with PRCS staff to place a plaque in memory of Terry L Kammien Sr. at Humble Park.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Placement Memory Plaque Request](#)
[Example Plaque](#)

A motion was made by Pam Handrow and seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to approve the communication from Julie Ogren requesting placement of a plaque in memory of Terry L Kammien Sr. at Humble Park working in conjunction with PRCS staff.

West Racine Business & Professional Association Request to Place a Sign at Pierce Park

Linda Rosenthal provided the members with various pictures showing the design of the sign as well as the placement within Doc Ralph C. Pierce Park. Linda further explained the cost of the sign and install will be paid for by a grant in which was applied for and received. The sign will help identify the West Racine Business District as well as show the connection to the Root River.

Molbeck stated PRCS staff will need to view and mark the area before install.

The members unanimously agreed to approve the placement of the said sign at Doc Ralph C. Pierce Park. Ben Lehner recused himself from voting on the subject.

Adjournment

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.