



City of Racine

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

Chairman Terry McCarthy
Kristen Kaprelian
Amy Schaal
Tom Rosholt
Keith Hemmig
Ben Lehner
Joey LeGath
Kiana Johnson
Krystyna Sarrazin

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

5:15 PM

Humble Community Center, 2200 Blaine Avenue

Call To Order

Board Member Joey LeGath called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.

Also Present (1): Pamala Handrow

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis & Becky Spika

*Guests: Kelly Condotti, American Cancer Association; Jay Christie; Caleb Johnson;
Jeff Schultz*

PRESENT: 5 - Amy Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner and Joey LeGath

ABSENT: 1 - Kiana Johnson

EXCUSED: 3 - Kristen Kaprelian, Terry McCarthy and Krystyna Sarrazin

[13-9032](#)

Subject: Approval of the May 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [PRCS Meeting Minutes May 8, 2013](#)

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

Public Input

No Public Input

[13-9033](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report June 12, 2013](#)

Director Molbeck updated the Board on the status of the Pershing Boat Launch. The launch now has 7 lanes available; 4 lanes are able to take boats of all sizes, 3 lanes are designated for smaller boats and one lane is handicap accessible.

The Myers Park controlled burn of invasive species took place in May. There are several phases to improving and increasing recreational opportunities in the area; they will take approximately 2 years to complete.

Pickle Ball courts will be prepared in June at Humble Park by volunteers from the Senior Group.

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Amy Schaal to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote.

[13-9034](#)

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioners May 20, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes May 20, 2013](#)

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig and seconded by Tom Rosholt to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED with a voice vote.

[13-9035](#)

Subject: Zoological Report

Attachments: [Zoological Report June 2013](#)

Jay Christie informed the Board that he is appearing weekly on Fox 6 and WRJN as Jungle Jay. The incident involving confiscation of animals from a Kenosha resident is nearly wrapped up. Homes were found for all the animals.

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Tom Rosholt to receive and file the report. Motion PASSED by a voice vote.

[13-9031](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Kelly Condotti, American Cancer Society, requesting the use of Pershing Park to host the American Cancer Society Bark for Life from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2013.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services on 6/12/13: To approve the communication from Kelli Condotti, American Cancer Society, requesting the use of Pershing Park to host the American Cancer Society Bark for Life from 7:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, August 17, 2013. Approval is subsequent to a walk-through with the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department to assure that any special needs of the department are met.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Bark For Life of Racine Request Letter](#)
[Bark For Life of Racine Overview](#)

Kelli Condotti, American Cancer Society, presented a request to use Pershing Park for a Bark for Life feeder event to the Relay for Life. Director Molbeck expressed concern that the location is being used for other events before and after the requested date and that some maintenance of the area is required. Condotti indicated they are flexible with where the event is set up and will walk through the

facilities with PRCS staff to ensure all needs are met.

Also voting (1): Pamala Handrow - AYE

A motion was made by Pamala Handrow and seconded by Amy Schaal to approve the communication from Kelli Condotti, American Cancer Society, requesting use of Pershing Park to host the American Cancer Society Bark for Life from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2013 subsequent to a walk through with PRCS staff to assure any special needs of the department are met.

Discussion: Pershing Boat Launch Contract

Caleb Johnson, Smoked on the Water, presented a proposal to provide car-hop services to customers at the Pershing Boat Launch. The Board expressed support of the idea. Some concerns discussed included safety, location of parking spaces, signage and overflow of customers. No further action was recommended at this time.

Discussion: DNR Stewardship Grant to add exercise equipment along pathways

Director Molbeck asked the Board for input on the possible use of the DNR Stewardship Grant for exercise equipment in City of Racine parks. If the grant is awarded, PRCS would like to place exercise equipment along the bike path routes. The equipment is made of durable material, primarily static in structure, would be mounted on cement pads and are accessible to all. Locations being considered are North Beach, Dodge Park and Island Park.

The Board expressed support of the idea and discussed concerns such as disruption of natural view, use of matching funds for other purposes, what segment of the population would use the equipment, and the needs of various park areas.

Resident Jeff Schultz voiced concerns over possible vandalism and whether the equipment would be used.

No further action was recommended at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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