



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
Melissa Lemke

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair McCarthy at 5:14 p.m.

Guests Present: Scott Schuit, John Feiner, Richard Christensen & Joel Brunner

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis & Jena Kohlman

PRESENT: 8 - Keith Hemmig, Joey LeGath, Kiana Johnson, Christina Mueller, Terry McCarthy, Kristen Kaprelian, Krystyna Sarrazin and Melissa Lemke

EXCUSED: 3 - Ben Lehner, Pamala Handrow and Amy Schaal

[14-10825](#)

Subject: Approval of the November 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [November 12, 2014 PRCS Board Meeting Minutes](#)

A motion was made Joey LeGath and seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

Mike Frontier and Fred Billman encouraged the PRCS Board to allow ice skating opportunities at least one park. Mr. Billman explained the process of creating a rink. The Fire Department would be needed to provide the water. Mr. Billman is willing to maintain the rink if the City will provide a park and the water. Molbeck indicated he would need to have a discussion with the Fire Department and Parks staff.

Mr. Frontier also requested park benches be placed facing each other at the next install.

Richard Christensen commented he has been to four meetings concerning Item 14-10483. He indicated the definition of "public" means open to all therefore all should have a chance to play Saturday and Sunday tee times at Johnson Park. He indicated only foursomes playing 18-holes are allowed to play Saturday and Sunday.

He believed this to be illegal. Mr. Christensen also inquired if the public has a right to know Scott Schuit's and John Feiner's salary. He stated the public has a right to know the Mayor's salary; he believes the golf course salaries should be public knowledge as well.

[14-10826](#)

Subject: Director's Report

Attachments: [Director's Report December](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Joey LeGath and seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to Receive and File the report. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

[14-10827](#)

Subject: Approval of the Cemetery Commissioner's November 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes November 17, 2014](#)

A motion was made by Joey LeGath and seconded by Christina Mueller to Approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[14-10828](#)

Subject: Approval of the Golf Liaison Committee's December 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [GCL Meeting Minutes 12-3-14](#)

A motion was made by Kristen Kaprelian and seconded by Melissa Lemke to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

Myers Park Project Update

Spreaker: Joel Brunner, City Health Department

Joel Brunner, Research Assistant, City of Racine Health Department, presented the Sam Myer's Park future project plan to the PRCS Board.

Work began on November 21, 2014. Four phases which include the placing/grading of dredged spoils, beach nourishment, erosion control and stabilization for overwintering and harvesting existing rip-rap to use to supplement jetty should all be completed this year.

The estimated project cost is \$1 million; however they hope to reduce this number by use of volunteers. To date they have secured \$315,000.00 in grant funds for permitting, activities and construction. Once the current construction is complete, they will review and access the use of the remaining funds.

[14-10816](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Scott Schuit, General Manager Public Golf Associates, requesting a revision of fees for Season Passes at City of Racine Golf Courses.

Recommendation of the Golf Course Liaison Committee on December 3, 2014: To approve the addition of an Extended-Season Stamp as proposed by Scott Schuit, General Manager, Public Golf

Associates.

Fiscal Note: The Adult Extended-Season Stamp fee will be \$100. The Senior Extended-Season Stamp fee will be \$75.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on December 10, 2014: To approve the addition of an Extended-Season Stamp as proposed by Scott Schuit, General Manager, Public Golf Associates.

Fiscal Note: The Adult Extended-Season Stamp fee will be \$100. The Senior Extended-Season Stamp fee will be \$75.

Attachments: [Communication from Scott Schuit, General Manager, Public Golf Associates 14-10816 Proposed 2015 Golf Course Fees](#)

Scott Schuit explained full season adult and senior passes are valid April 1 through October 31. The Extended Season Stamp would extend the opportunity through December 31, subject to the golf courses being open for business. This stamp would need to be purchased at the time the full season pass is purchased.

A motion was made by Melissa Lemke and seconded by Kristen Kaprelian to Approve the addition of an Extended-Season Stamp as proposed by Scott Schuit, General Manager, Public Golf Associates. The Motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

14-10483

Subject: Communication from the Alderperson of the 6th District submitting on behalf of Richard Christensen requesting a change of rules and regulations concerning weekend tee times at Johnson Park Golf Course.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 9-10-14: To request PRCS staff to work with Johnson Golf Course staff on drafting a written policy in relation to weekend tee times at Johnson Park Golf Course to be reviewed by the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services.

Further recommend this item be referred to the Golf Course Liaison Committee.

Recommendation of the Golf Course Liaison Committee on 9-25-14: To Receive and File Item 14-10483.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 10-9-14: Staff to review the policy and to consider the suggestions and concerns discussed.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-13-14: Defer

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 12-10-14: Recommend written policy as proposed and Golf Course staff to maintain a log of complaints. Further recommend the original communication be Received and Filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Communication from the Alderperson of the 6th District on Behalf of Richard Tee Time Policies Johnson Park - 2014](#)

Molbeck provided a summary of what had been discussed at previous meetings. He also advised the board Mr. Christensen had a similar complaint which was brought to the PRCS Board back in 2010. He explained at that time the PRCS Board received and filed Mr. Christensen's request and the Common Council approved the reinstatement of the Golf Course Liaison Committee. The Golf Course Liaison Committee is to address concerns of the public concerning the golf courses. This current communication from Mr. Christensen was received and filed by the Golf Course Liaison Committee on September 25, 2014. Per the request of the PRCS Board, a written policy was created. On December 3, 2014, the Golf Course Liaison Committee discussed possible amendments to the written policy. It was determined at this meeting the policy should not be amended. Molbeck supported the decision by the Golf Course Liaison Committee.

Molbeck explained to Mr. Christensen his efforts were not wasted. A written policy which had not existed previously does now.

A motion was made by Keith Hemmig, seconded by Vice Chairman Kristen Kaprelian to recommend the written policy as proposed and for Golf Course staff to maintain a log of complaints. Further move to Receive and File the original communication. The Motion PASSED by Voice Vote. Unanimous.

[14-10624](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 2nd District requesting a change in Municipal Code section 70-101 that all city parks with playground and courts open and close at the same time.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-12-14: Defer

Molbeck provided the board a listing of the City of Racine Parks grouped by opening/closing times. He explained the City has many unique parks which is in part why the hours are not consistent. He was in agreement the park hours need to be amended; however it will take time and research. Joggers, fisherman, or just those that enjoy to watch the sunrise within lakefront parks would all need to be taken into consideration. Mike Willis made mention of the bike paths which run through many of our parks would also need to be considered.

Sarrazin suggested Molbeck consult with the Police Department.

Hemmig commented some children's bus stops are within park areas. This too would need to be considered.

McCarthy stated police would also need to use discretion. He believed a consistent opening 1 hour before sunrise and closing 1 hour after sunset would suffice. All wishing to be within a park outside of those hours, such as special events, would need to seek permission through the Board and Common Council.

Molbeck stated he would work with staff to draft new park hours for the Board to review.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Kristen Kaprelian, seconded by Joey LeGath, that this be Deferred. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote. Unanimous.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.