



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

Staff present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis, Jason Mars, Becky Spika

Guest present: Rachel Fischer, Cara Pratt

PRESENT: 8 - Kristen Kaprelian, Christopher Bogan, Novella Velasquez, Keith Hemmig, Fabi Maldonado, Mary Land, Brian F. O'Connell and Stacy Sheppard

EXCUSED: 2 - Malik Frazier and Tracey Larrin

Public Input

Alder Carrie Glenn spoke on item 1266-19.

Approval of Minutes for 10-9-19 Meeting

Approved

Approval of the Minutes for 10-21-19 Meeting of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Approved

[1243-19](#)

Subject: Communication from the Downtown Racine Corporation requesting use Monument Square on 11-15-19 for the Ladies Night Out Downtown.

Attachments: [1243-19 Ladies Night Out Letter](#)

Rachel Fischer from the Downtown Racine Corporation spoke on the event.

A motion was made by Hemmig, seconded by Land, that this file be Approved

[1244-19](#)

Subject: Zoological Report_11-13-19

Attachments: [1244-19 Racine Zoological Society Report_11-13-19](#)

Received and Filed

[1245-19](#)

Subject: Director's Report_11-13-19

Attachments: [1245-19_Directors Report_11-13-19](#)

Tom Molbeck and Jason Mars spoke on the report highlighting work at Horlick Baseball Field and the Chavez Community Center. Weather has caused delays in the completion of projects, impacting planning and implementation of programs. Forestry staff and volunteers were commended for their tree planting work at Colonial Park on Make a Difference Day.

Received and Filed

[1266-19](#)

Subject: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting permission to pursue a partnership with WE Energies' Solar Now project for a 600 kilowatt revenue- generating ground-mount solar array installed at Olsen Prairie Park.

Recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee on 11-11-19: To approve.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 11-13-19: To approve.

Fiscal Note: Anticipated revenue approximately \$26,151 annually payable in equal monthly installments of \$2,179 for 30 years (\$784,530 total).

Attachments: [Solar Now Cover Letter-Term Sheet-CityofRacine \(1\).pdf](#)
[Attachment 1 - CityofRacine.pdf](#)

Cara Pratt, Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator for the City of Racine, presented the request for permission to enter into negotiations with WE-Energies to lease a non-restored prairie area in Olsen Prairie Park for a solar array project.

Alder Carrie Glenn spoke on the item voicing concerns about what the final project will look like in the park, how it will impact the neighborhood, who will maintain it and how, cost to the city, and guarantee of stated revenue. Alder Glenn asked that the board consider these questions going forward.

Tom Molbeck spoke on the considerations and discussions that have occurred with Julie Kinzleman and Cara Pratt indicating that this is a negotiation phase and a request for final approval will be brought back to the board at a later date.

Recommended For Approval

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.