



City of Racine

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

*Kristen Kaprelian, Chairman,
Christina Mueller, Vice Chairman,
Ald. Melissa Lemke, Ald. Mary Land,
Amy Schaal, Keith Hemmig, Ben Lehner,
Joey LeGath, Kiana Johnson, Pamala Handrow*

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck & Jena Kohlman

Guests Present: Beth Heidorn & Jeff Urquhart

PRESENT: 6 - Kristen Kaprelian, Melissa Lemke, Christina Mueller, Kiana Johnson, Mary Land and Pamala Handrow

EXCUSED: 3 - Amy Schaal, Keith Hemmig and Ben Lehner

Approval of the July 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Lemke and seconded by Handrow to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

No Public Input.

Director's Report

Molbeck spoke on the following from the report:

- Hantschel & Solbraa Park Shelter bids went out, no bids received. Will re-bid out separately.

- John Feiner, PGA's Superintendent of 37 years at Johnson's Golf Course had passed away and is greatly missed.

- Forestry department has been incredibly busy, especially with damage to trees caused by recent storms.

- Parks department has had a very difficult summer due to a shortage of staff. Responsibilities were managed successfully.

- Many summer recreational activities have or will be coming to an end for the season very soon.

- Main Gallery ended August 1 with the Chair-i-ties Auction at Monument Square.

- TDCC is a step closure to scheduling programming in September and October to assist young adults transition into college and/or work.

A motion was made by Lemke and seconded by Johnson to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Zoological Report

Beth Heidorn, Executive Director, spoke on the following from her report:

- Flag pole fell over in storm; no one had been injured; minimal damage.
- Several inquiries for 2016 picnics & events.
- Currently setting up special event dates.
- August 26 World Wine Wednesday; Australian Wines from UnCorkt.
- Implementing new volunteer program in fall.
- Attendance up 60% over last year. This is partially due to previous recordings not including every person attending events.
- Received red kangaroos for the Walkabout Creek.
- Will be receiving a 10 year old female tiger from Riverbanks Zoo.
- Looking at more fair trade & eco-friendly retail items.
- 20th annual car show is underway with over 100 pre-registered cars.
- Correction to hours noted from Monday, August 31 - Friday, September 4, the zoo will be open until 6:00 p.m. not 8:00 p.m. as indicated on the report.

A motion was made by Lemke and seconded by Handrow to receive and file the report. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

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Subject: Communication from Real Racine requesting to use portions of North Beach Park on Saturday, September 12, 2015 through Sunday, September 13, 2015 for the Biggest Loser Run/Walk and further requests Municipal Code section 70-101; closing of parks; be waived to allow security on site overnight on Saturday, September 12, 2015 and to also allow staff and participants on site at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Recommendation from the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 8/13/2015: To allow use of North Beach Park as proposed September 12, 2015 to September 13, 2015 for the Biggest Loser Run/Walk. Further allow the waiver of Municipal Code section 70-101 to permit staff/security on site overnight Saturday, September 12, 2015 and to allow participants on-site beginning at 5:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

Fiscal Note: Park Permit Fees & Charges as applicable.

Attachments: [2015 Biggest Loser Parks Request Letter](#)
[2015 Biggest Loser Application Page 1](#)
[2015 Biggest Loser North Beach Layout](#)
[2015 Biggest Loser Racine HM Course Step by Step](#)
[2015 Biggest Loser Racine 5k Step by Step Course](#)

A motion was made by Handrow and seconded by Johnson to approve Real Racine's request to use portions of North Beach Park as proposed September 12, 2015 through September 13, 2015 for the Biggest Loser Run/Walk and furthermore allow a waiver of municipal code section 70-101 to allow staff/security on site overnight Saturday, September 12, 2015 as well as staff & participants on site beginning at 5:00 a.m./ on Sunday, September 13, 2015.

The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Request to utilize Lake Michigan Pathway the 5k Walk/Run for the Animals

Beth Heidorn, Executive Director of the Racine Zoological Society spoke on her request.

A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Johnson to approve Racine Zoological Society's request to utilize the Lake Michigan Pathway on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 6:30 until 9:30 a.m. for the first annual walk for the animals pending receipt of proper paperwork. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Request to utilize Franklin Park for the Praise in the Park event

Jeff Urquhart spoke on the request.

A motion was made by Handrow and seconded by Johnson to approve St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church's request to utilize Franklin Park for the Praise in the Park event on Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. pending receipt of proper paperwork and payment of fees & charges. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Request to utilize the Lake Michigan Pathway for the Nearly Naked 5k

Molbeck advised the members the request for approval has also been presented to both police and public works. The police department had told 5K Events for the safety of the runners they need to close down Reichert Court to vehicle traffic. Reichert Court is the only vehicle access to Pugh/Rooney Park which is cause to require a park permit.

A motion was made by Mueller and seconded by Handrow to approve 5k Event's request to utilize the Lake Michigan Pathway for the Nearly Naked 5k Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. pending receipt of proper paperwork and payment of fees & charges where applicable. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Adjournment

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