



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

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

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

Guests present: Amy Cermack, Commodore Racine Yacht Club; Beth Heidorn, Executive Director Racine Zoo

PRESENT: 9 - Kristen Kaprelian, Christopher Bogan, Novella Velasquez, Keith Hemmig, Fabi Maldonado, Melissa Abel, Mary Land, Brian F. O'Connell and Stacy Sheppard

EXCUSED: 2 - Malik Frazier and Tracey Larrin

Public Input

No public input.

Approval of Minutes for the 11-13-19 Meeting

Approved

Approval of Minutes for the 11-18-19 & 12-16-19 Meetings of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

Approved

[1320-19](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication endorsed by Alder Land on behalf of Matthew Brown requesting use of Pershing Park, Pershing Soccer Field, Pershing Boat Launch, North Beach, North Beach Park, and Monument Square for the Racine Lake Fest Offshore Superboat Championship from 8-21-20 to 8-23-20.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 1-8-20: Recommended for approval provided PRCS administration is in agreement with specific location details and that approval is also granted by other impacted departments, boards, commissions, and organizations. Access to Pershing Boat Launch as proposed is recommended for denial.

Attachments: [1320-19_RacineLakeFest_LOR](#)

The board voiced concerns about location of boat launching, conflict with the T-10 North American Championship Regatta (8-15-2020 to 8-24-2020), environmental damages, and restriction of public access to North Beach by other boaters.

Recommended for approval with changes.

[1321-19](#)

Subject: Communication from the Racine Arts Council requesting permission for Racine Brewing Co. to sell crafted beer and soda at the Monument Square Art Festival on 6-13-20 and 6-14-20.

Attachments: [1321-19 MonumentSquareArtFestival_LOR](#)

Approved

[1322-19](#)

Subject: Communication from the Downtown Racine Corporation requesting food trucks, bonfires, and the use of Racine Brewing Co. for beer & soda sales on Monument Square for the Fire and Ice Festival, 1-18-20.

Attachments: [1322-19 Fire and Ice Festival_LOR](#)

Approved

[1323-19](#)

Subject: Communication from Linda Yackley requesting permission to dedicate the south baseball diamond at Island Park in memory of Otis Jones.

Attachments: [1323-19 OtisJones Memorial_LOR](#)

Approved

[0003-20](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Amy Cermak of the Racine Yacht Club, sponsored by Alder Land, requesting use of the Pugh, Rooney, and North Beach South parking lots for overnight storage of RV's, campers, and vehicles 8-15-20 to 8-24-20 for the T-10 North American Championship boat regatta.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 1-8-20: The request be approved.

Attachments: [0003-20 T-10 Regatta_LOR](#)

The board discussed possible parking conflicts if Racine Lake Fest power boat competition is approved.

Recommended For Approval

[0005-20](#)

Subject: Zoological Report - January 2020

Attachments: [0005-20_Zoological_Report_1-8-20](#)

Beth Heidorn spoke on the report.

Received and Filed

[0004-20](#)

Subject: Director's Report - January 2020

Attachments: [0004-20_1-January_Directors_Report](#)

Tom Molbeck and Jason Mars spoke on the report. Molbeck indicated the department is working with AECOM to address high water erosion issues in several park areas. Informed the board that removal of the tennis courts and fencing at Cedar Bend Park is underway due to safety and eyesore issues; the goal is to bring it to it's natural setting and then determine the best use of the area.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Kaprelian at 5:50 p.m.