



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Board of Park, Recreation and Cultural Services

Chairman Kristen Kaprelian
Vice Chairman Christina Mueller
Alderman Mary Land
Alderman Jason Meekma
Amy Schaal
Keith Hemmig
Roy Carter
Cathi DeGroot
Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call to Order

Chair Kaprelian called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Mike Willis, Matt Koepnick, Tom Friedel & Jena Kohlman

Guests Present: Laura Million & Ryan Brath

PRESENT: 7 - Kristen Kaprelian, Christina Mueller, Mary Land, Jason Meekma, Keith Hemmig, Roy Carter and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: 2 - Amy Schaal and Cathi DeGroot

Approval of the December 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Kaprelian-Becker seconded by Land to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Public Input

The following individuals appeared before the board:

Mary Roszkowski

Linda Polzin

Marilyn Peterson

Jane Ramig

Amanda Thurmann-Ward

Sue Schuit

Roger Lofquist

Tamera Hayward

[87-17](#)

Subject: Zoological Reports

Attachments: [Zoological Report January 2017](#)

[Zoological Report February 2017](#)

The report was distributed.

A motion was made by Kaprelian-Becker seconded by Mueller to receive and file the reports. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

AYES: 7 - Kristen Kaprelian, Christina Mueller, Mary Land, Jason Meekma, Keith Hemmig, Roy Carter and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: 2 - Amy Schaal and Cathi DeGroot

[86-17](#)

Subject: Director's Reports

Attachments: [February 2017 Director's Report](#)

*The report was distributed.
Molbeck provided synopsis of the report to the board.*

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

Approval of the Cemetery Commissioners January 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Molbeck provided a synopsis of the minutes.

A motion was made by Hemmig seconded by Land to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Approval of the Golf Liaison Committee's January 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Molbeck provided a synopsis of the minutes.

A motion was made by Hemmig seconded by Kaprelian to approve the meeting minutes. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[17-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the City Administrator forwarding the request of Fischer USA, Inc. to purchase City park land to enable the expansion of its Racine plant.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 2/8/17: To approve Fischer USA Inc.'s offer to purchase 32,760 SF of Pierce Woods Park to allow for the expansion of their facility.

Fiscal Note: There will be \$40,000 proceeds from the property sale.

Attachments: [Fischer Offer](#)

Laura Million, Business Development Manager and Ryan Brath, CEO, of Fischer USA, Inc. presented their proposal to the board.

Discussion ensued.

Brath addressed concerns about the environmental impact and offered a donation to add trees and a historical marker to the park.

Mueller expressed concern regarding the 10 year option to purchase an additional

113 ft. x 212.7 ft section of the park. Brath explained further expansion to the south may be possible in the future.

Land questioned Brath if the company would commit to stay at this site for 10 years with the expansion. Brath confirmed this commitment.

A motion was made by Kaprelian seconded by Carter to approve Fischer USA Inc's offer to purchase 32,760 square feet of Pierce Woods Park to allow for the expansion of their facility. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 4 - Kristen Kaprelian, Mary Land, Jason Meekma and Roy Carter

NOES: 3 - Christina Mueller, Keith Hemmig and Melissa Kaprelian-Becker

EXCUSED: 2 - Amy Schaal and Cathi DeGroot

[30-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Robert and Diane Anderson to obtain permits and permissions to exclusively use Carre Hogle Park from Friday, June 23, 2017 through Sunday, June 25, 2017 for a wedding ceremony and reception.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 2/8/17: To receive and file the withdrawn request.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Carre Hogle Wedding](#)

A motion was made by Kaprelian-Becker seconded by Land, to receive and file the communication. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

[26-17](#)

Subject: Communication from Melissa Kaprelian-Becker on behalf of 21st Century Preparatory School requesting approval to paint an educational mural on the pavement near the canoe launch at the Root River Environmental Community Center.

Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services on 2/8/17: To defer.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [Mural REC](#)

A motion was made by Kaprelian-Becker seconded by Kaprelian to defer. The motion PASSED by voice vote. Unanimous.

Adjournment

There being no further business Chair Kaprelian adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.