



# City of Racine

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

*Chair Terry McCarthy, Joey LeGath, Pamala Handrow,  
Michael Frontier, Keith Hemmig, Kristen Kaprelian, Amy  
Schaal, Tom Rosholt, Ben Lehner, Kiana Johnson*

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Wednesday, May 9, 2012

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

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### Call To Order

*Chair McCarthy called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.*

*Staff Present: Tom Molbeck, Jena Kohlman & Matt Koepnick*

*Guest: Kim Sebastian, Forester, Department of Natural Resources*

**PRESENT:** 7 - Terry McCarthy, Michael Frontier, Joey LeGath, Kristen Kaprelian, Tom Rosholt, Keith Hemmig and Kiana Johnson

**ABSENT:** 1 - Ben Lehner

**EXCUSED:** 2 - Pamala Handrow and Amy Schaal

### [12-7670](#)

**Subject:** Approval of Minutes for the April 18, 2012 Meeting

**Attachments:** [12-7670](#)

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Kaprelian and seconded by Joey LeGath to approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

### Public Input

*No public input.*

### [12-7677](#)

**Subject:** Director's Report

**Attachments:** [Director's Report May 9, 2012](#)

*The report was distributed.*

*Interim Director, Molbeck, discussed the Grand Opening of the Laurel Clark Memorial Fountain on Friday, May 4th in conjunction with First Friday. The asphalt in the parking lot and the bike path should be completed sometime in May.*

*Molbeck also briefly discussed the repairs to the Lincoln Park Pedestrian Bridge. The repairs should be completed by the end of May.*

*Michael Frontier commented on the Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at Franklin Park. He was very impressed with Walden School's involvement.*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Kaprelian and seconded by Joey LeGath that**

the Report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.

[12-7671](#)

**Subject:** Minutes of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners

**Attachments:** [12-7671](#)

*Interim Director, Molbeck, advised they are still in the process of looking at marketing for revenue resources. An outdoor movie event has been scheduled at Mound Cemetery. The event will include the showing of the movie, Casper, as well as a tour.*

**A motion was made by Joey LeGath, seconded by Vice Chair Kaprelian to Approve the Minutes. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.**

[12-7673](#)

**Subject:** Zoological Report

**Attachments:** [May 2012 Zoological Report](#)

*The report was distributed.*

**A motion was made by Joey LeGath, seconded by Keith Hemmig, that the Report be Received and Filed. The motion PASSED by Voice Vote.**

### **Presentation of the Tree City USA Award**

**Guest: Kim Sebastian - DNR**

*Kim Sebastian, Forester with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources presented the 14th Tree City USA award to the City and City Forester, Matt Koepnick. Kim congratulated and thanked the city for putting their green foot forward and caring for trees in the community. To receive this award, four standards must be met on an annual bases. These include 1) having a tree board or department 2) tree ordinance(s) in place 3) spend \$2 per capita 4) hold a Arbor Day celebration and proclamation.*

### **Update of tree planting and future plans**

**Guest: Matt Koepnick, City Forester**

*Matt Koepnick, City Forester, discussed the recently concluded spring tree planting. A total of 773 trees were planted along the streets and in the parks. This had been the largest single tree planting since records were kept in 1974. A very large majority of the trees planted were bare root versus balled-and-burlapped. The forestry crew planted 493 of the trees, the remaining had been planted by a contractor.*

*The forestry crew has plans to plant 450 bare root trees this fall. The target will be arterial roads and tree planting requests.*

*Long term goals include establishing a formal tree planting policy and troubleshooting some potentially difficult areas. He discussed staffing needs. Planting 1,000+ trees per year results in an enoumous amount of planning. It also means the city's small forestry division has more trees to maintain.*

### **Naming Committee: Proposal to rename Marquette Street Park**

*Interim Director, Molbeck, explained a request to rename the Marquette Street Park had been received. He asked the naming committee to meet to discuss this request and to also make their recommendation at the next PRCS board meeting.*

[12-7567](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the President of Nielsen Madsen & Barber S.C. requesting to extend the storm water easement in Pierce Woods Park to the Fischer-Precise site due to the reconstruction of their back parking lot.

**Recommendation of the Board of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services 5-9-12:** To approve the communication from the President of Nielsen Madsen & Barber S.C. requesting to extend the storm water easement in Pierce Woods Park to the Fischer-Precise site due to the reconstruction of their back parking lot.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

**Attachments:** [Storm Water Easement Pierce Woods Fischer-Precise.htm](#)

A motion was made by Michael Frontier, seconded by Tom Rosholt, that this be Recommended For Approval. The motion PASSED by a Voice Vote.

## Adjournment

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.*

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Humble Community Center**

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