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## MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

6:00 PM

### Virtual Meeting

**ELECTRONIC MEETING NOTICE:** Pursuant to the current recommendation of the CDC limiting the size of public gatherings and the various federal and state orders implementing that recommendation, and to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, this meeting will be held virtually through the GoToMeeting platform with each member accessing the meeting remotely. Citizens may join the meeting online or by phone. Please go to <https://www.gotomeet.me/KristenLundeen/milw-river-advisory-committee> to join the meeting online or call into the meeting by dialing 1-877-309-2073 and enter access code 343-352-389.

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### AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes  
**Action requested: review and approve**
  - a. June 3, 2020 Minutes
- 3) Committee Discussion of Unfinished Business
  - a. Discuss Mequon/Thiensville Milwaukee River News Facebook Page
  - b. Signage at Loading Area

c. Waveboats Discussion

4) New Business

a. Arbor Day

b. Boat Parade

c. River Cleanup

5) Parks and Forestry Superintendent Report

a. Parks and Forestry Superintendent Report

6) Adjourn

*Dated: March 3, 2021*

*/s/ Michael Gross, Chair*

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Notice is hereby given that a quorum of other governmental bodies may be present at this meeting to present, discuss and/or gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility, although they will not take formal action thereto at this meeting.

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**Wednesday, June 3, 2020**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Virtual Meeting**

**Minutes**

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call  
Chair Knuth called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

**Present:**

- Committee Member Bill Spaulding
- Committee Member Gary Berg
- Committee Member Ronald Dorszynski
- Chair Daniel Knuth
- Committee Member Karen McNarney
- Committee Member Karen Stern
- Committee Member Michael Gross -- **Absent**
- Vice Chair Kenneth Quant -- **Absent**

Also present were Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies, and Administrative Assistant Deuster.

- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. January 15, 2020 Minutes

**RESULT:** **Approved [Unanimous]**  
**MOVED BY:** Committee Member Dorszynski  
**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member McNarney

**AYES:** Spaulding, Berg, Dorszynski, Knuth, McNarney, Stern

- 3) Committee Discussion of Unfinished Business

A. Discuss River Users Facebook Page

The board discussed signage to promote the facebook page either a stand along sign or add it to current signage in Villa Grove, Garrisons Glen and Thiensville Park where there is the higher use. Discussion also included having it added to the electronic sign on the corner of Cedarburg Road and Meqoun Road.

- 4) New Business

Attachment: 06-03-2020 Mins\_Milw River Advisory Committee (5983 : June 3, 2020 Minutes)

a. New Committee Members & Re-Appointments

Chair Knuth welcomed the new member Bill Spaulding to the committee and recognized the reappointment of Ron Dorszynski.

b. Elect a Chair and Vice Chair 2020-2021

a. Motion to elect Mike Gross as chair.

**RESULT:** Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member Stern

**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member Dorszynski

**AYES:** Spaulding, Berg, Dorszynski, Knuth, McNarney, Stern

b. Motion to elect Ken Quant as vice chair.

**RESULT:** Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member McNarney

**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member Stern

**AYES:** Spaulding, Berg, Dorszynski, Knuth, McNarney, Stern

c. Upcoming Calendar Year Events

The board discussed the flyer for Fun Before the 4th and about notification of the Boat Parade and advertise on Facebook.

d. Park Signage Regarding PFDs

The board discussed adjusting the signs to reflect the non-requirement of personal flotation device and water skis. The board agreed to see if something could be placed over the current sign to reflect this without spending significant amount of money on a new sign.

5) Motion to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

**RESULT:** Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

**MOVED BY:** Committee Member Stern

**SECONDED BY:** Committee Member Dorszynski

**AYES:** Spaulding, Berg, Dorszynski, Knuth, McNarney, Stern

Respectfully Submitted,

*Casey Deuster*

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**Office of Parks and Forestry**

**TO: Milwaukee River Advisory Committee**  
**FROM: Mike Gies, Parks and Forestry Superintendent**  
**DATE: March 3, 2021**  
**SUBJECT: Discuss Mequon/Thiensville Milwaukee River News Facebook Page**

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- Location of our Facebook Page
- Gaining Access to the Page
- Utilizing and posting to the page



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**SUBJECT: Signage at Loading Area**

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- Idea for some simpler signage



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**SUBJECT: Waveboats Discussion**

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- Discussion of complaints
- Discussion of additional enforcement and education possibilities



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**SUBJECT: Arbor Day**

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- An opportunity to reach out to local residents
- Discussion of an informative DVD to educate users on available recreational uses of the river and courtesies and rules, ordinances and laws related to river usage, to be handed out on Arbor Day?
- Discussion of a business sized card referencing the location of our informative facebook page to be handed out on Arbor Day?



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**SUBJECT: Boat Parade**

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- Are we interested in resurrecting the light up boat parade for the “Fun B4 The Fourth” celebration?
- Are we interested in soliciting for prizes for best decorated boats?



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**SUBJECT: River Cleanup**

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- Are we interested in leading a river cleanup this year?
- Are we interested in working in conjunction with The Milwaukee River Keepers or running our own?
- Are we going to include local parks as we have recently done or concentrate on the Milwaukee River?



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**SUBJECT: Parks and Forestry Superintendent Report**

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- Mequon Acting as a Project Sponsor for the AOC Milwaukee River Project Update