



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, December 13, 2017

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center  
1625 Northport Dr.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Janet Schmidt; and Joanne Austin.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Stephanie Franklin, Madison Parks Foundation; Colin Punt, City Planning; and Sally Swenson, City Engineering.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

A joint meeting with the Parks Commission, Landmarks Commission, and Equal Opportunities Commission will take place on January 30th at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center at 6 PM. President David Wallner toured Lake Edge Park with Alder David Ahrens, and he attended the Golf Subcommittee meeting.

**Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Eric Knepp discussed the ongoing work on the Breese Stevens concession stand and the Garver project. A 'Nicerink' has been put in at Heritage Heights Park. It will serve as a pilot to determine if ice rinks can be installed where they may not be otherwise suited. Olbrich and Heritage Heights Parks are currently open for skating, but cross country ski trails will not open until there is more snow. Madison Parks has been collaborating with Capitol Off Road Pathfinders to make a fat bike winter bike trail at Glenway Golf Course. Warner Family Fun Nights continue to grow in popularity. A marketing study on Madison Golf is in progress. Knepp anticipates the author will speak to the Parks Commission at a future meeting.

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Superintendent's December 2017 Report

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Report of the Minutes of the July 27, 2017 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Board; October 18, 2017 Golf Subcommittee; and August 15 and September 19, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the Report.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve by Consent: Agenda No. 19, Legislative File No. 49758; and No. 20, Legislative File No. 49760. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[49758](#)

Proposed 2018 Goodman Pool Fees

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Proposed 2018 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Fees

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Request by the Madison Parks Foundation to rename Central Park as McPike Park in memory of Milton McPike

**Registered Speakers Maureen Lokrantz, Stephanie Franklin, and Robert Hemauer of Madison Parks Foundation gave a presentation.**

**Registered Speakers John Younger of Milton McPike Memorial Scholarship Fund, Michael Rewey, Barb Karlen, Eric Roang, and Peggy Adams spoke in support.**

**Registrants Mel Trudeau, Jill Galbraith, Beth Reschke, Jim Finnegan, Bill Sorenson, and Richard Miller registered in support.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Request from University of Wisconsin to Allow the Urban Canid Project to Continue for a Fourth Year and the installation of a Wildlife Camera along the Bikepath in Reindahl Park for a Third Year

**Registered Speaker David Drake gave a presentation.**

**David Wallner left at 7:25 pm.**

**Members Present: 6 - Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Venus Washington.**

**Member Excused: 1 - David Wallner.**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Wingra Park Shoreline Project

**Sally Swenson of City Engineering gave a presentation.**

**David Wallner returned at 7:29 pm.**

**Members Present: 7 - Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Amending the Statement of Policies and Guidelines for Slacklining in Parks and Recreation Areas Within the Madison Parks System to include Hammocking

**Parks Planning and Development Manager Janet Schmidt gave a presentation on the policy.**

**Registered Speaker Marian Celesnik spoke in opposition.  
Registered Speaker Jackson Foote spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to Accept the Recommendation of the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee to Approve the Policy as Amended. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Patriot Park Master Plan

**Janet Schmidt gave a presentation on the plan.**

**Emily Gnam left at 8:20 pm.**

**Members Present: 6 - Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.**

**Member Excused: 1 - Emily Gnam.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Planning Division staff update on Comprehensive Plan - Imagine Madison

**Colin Punt of the City Planning Division gave a presentation.**

**Emily Gnam returned at 8:23 pm.**

**Members Present: 7 - Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.**

**Ald. Maurice Cheeks left at 8:30 pm.**

**Members Present: 6 - Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.**

**Member Excused: 1 - Ald. Maurice Cheeks.**

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Request from Capitol Off Road Pathfinders for a Fat Bike Winter Snow Use Pilot at Glenway Golf Course

**Janet Schmidt spoke about the pilot program.**

**Registered Speaker Rob Lewis of Capitol Off Road Pathfinders spoke in support.**

**Registered Speaker James Syverud of Capitol Off Road Pathfinders spoke in support.**

**Registered Speaker Sandy Stark of Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood Association spoke.**

**Ald. Maurice Cheeks returned at 8:44 pm.**

**Members Present: 7 - Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Venus Washington; and David Wallner.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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The Biergarten at Olbrich Park Annual Update

**Registered Speaker Tim Wagner spoke.**

**Registered Speaker Mike Bare of BKM Group, LLC presented the Biergarten update.**

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Request from FourOneFour Events for the use of Warner Park for the Sweet Home Madison 5K on Sunday, ~~April 8, 2018~~. **June 3, 2018.**

**Registered Speaker Jackson Foote spoke in opposition.**

**Registered Speaker Michael Rewey of Wild Warner spoke.**

**Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Baldeh, to Refer to the next Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Annual Statement of Interest Due

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Cheeks, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 9:48 pm. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**