



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3300 Atwood Ave

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Olbrich Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members excused: Emanuel Scarbrough

Parks Staff Present: Kevin Briski; Eric Knepp; Charles Romines and Joanne Austin

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Clausius, seconded by Clear to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2014 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

V REPORTS

A President of the Park Commission

President Wallner served on the WPCRC Facility Manager hiring panel and is pleased with the selection made. Jacob Tissue will start February 17. Wallner attended the Yahara river planning meeting, which focused on public land along the river at Tenney and by Burr Jones Park. A group of nearly 50 attended and they discussed many items, including the bike path, boat launch docking facilities and other items along the river. He also planned to attend the Groove and Glide event that took place at Tenney Park on Friday, February 14, 2014.

1 Appointment from the President of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Golf Subcommittee.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM the Appointment. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

B Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski thanked President Wallner for serving on the hiring panel for the WPCRC Facility Manager position. He is very pleased with the selection of Jacob Tissue as the new WPCRC Facility Manager. He reported that additional discussion regarding Garver plans will take place at the March Board of Park Commission meeting. He reported encouraging and supportive fundraising efforts that are underway for the splash parks and also for the skate park project. Superintendent Briski reported that this winter's cold weather conditions have made the winter concessions one of the best ever. He also discussed the continuing efforts of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Task Force to respond to the presence of EAB in the City.

1 Written Report of Supervisor's February 2014 Activities

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Ragland to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

C Subcommittee Reports

1 Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the August 19, October 23 and December 16, 2013 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; the September 26 and November 21, 2013 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; and the Olbrich Botanical Society meetings of September 17, November 19 and December 17, 2013.

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold to Accept the Minutes from the Long Range Planning Subcommittee, the Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee and the Olbrich Botanical Society. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI NEW BUSINESS

A Request from Race Day Events, LLC to use Olin Park on Saturday, May 10, 2014 for the "It's Glow Time - 5K" run event.

Registered Speaker in Support: Ryan Griessmeyer of Race Day Events, LLC

Parks staff recommended approval of the event, as it had been approved by the Street Use Staff Commission and concerns about the park impacts had been changed to alleviate concerns. Additionally, the organizers have had continued communication with the Alder and the neighborhood.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

B Authorizing the temporary closure and private use of the Olin Park boat launch for Rhythm & Booms 2014.

Registered Speakers in Support: Keith Peterson and Rita Kelliher of Madison Festivals

Superintendent Briski introduced the item and provided an overview of the process that Rhythm & Booms was going through. He indicated that the plan for this year's event was supported by the Madison Police Department and the Madison Department of Transportation. Madison Festivals, the organizers, presented a slideshow overview of the plans for the event that focused on the impact on the Olin Park Boat Launch. The organizers discussed the logistical plans leading up to the day of the event and through to cleanup of the Park. Commissioners asked questions of the organizers related to how the barges would be put into the water, impacts on John Nolen Drive, and how the lake will be managed on the day of the event. The organizers indicated that the barges will be loaded in and out by a crane on site and the site will be secured at all times. Additionally, John Nolen will be closed outbound all day on June 28th, and inbound would close at 1:00PM. Both would reopen after the event. The lake will be managed by the Coast Guard and Dane County during the event to ensure safe conditions. Commissioner Leopold asked if there was any direct use of Brittingham Park for event setup due to a map seeming to show that was the case. The organizers indicated that they will not be setting up in or directly using Brittingham Park.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear to Approve the Use of Olin and Law Park with the attached conditions and to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

C Parks Land Management Plan

Registered Speaker in support: Si Widstrand

Park Operations Manager Charlie Romines presented the Land Management Plan to the Commissioners. He indicated that the plan was the product of a lot of efforts from staff to create a plan that was both focused on preserving the land resources and being comprehensible to staff and volunteers. Romines indicated that he feels the plan provides for that balance and as staff continues to work to revise the plan it will be continuously updated.

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland to Approve the Land Management Plan as recommended. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

D Parks Watercraft Storage Permit Program

Assistant Superintendent Knepp presented the changes to the Watercraft Storage Program. The primary change is to move from a complicated lease process to a permit process, more in line with other park use permits. The number of spaces available will be increased where possible to accommodate any issues with the one boat to one slip standard.

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Clear to Adjourn at 7:51 PM.