



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, April 11th at Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Ave.

President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members present: Bill Barker, Madelyn Leopold, Nancy Ragland, Emanuel Scarbrough and David Wallner, Alder Mark Clear (6:41 PM arrival), and Ald. Joe Clausius (7:05 PM arrival). Commissioner Scarbrough left at 8:45 PM.

Parks staff present: Superintendent Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, Charlie Romines, Marla Eddy, and Kay Rutledge.

City staff present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Jerry Lund, Real Estate; Lisa Coleman, Engineering; John Reimer, Engineering; Greg Fries, Engineering; and Matt Tucker, Planning.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Barker, to Approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2012 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT - (3 minute speaking limit for items not on the agenda)

Registered Speakers:

Trish O'Kane, Nature Explorers, discussed the large trees in Warner Park and how they are special to members of the Nature Explorers. Asked that the Parks Division make clearer replacement policies.

Dakarai, Sherman Nature Explorers, spoke about the value of trees in Parks. Specifically, spoke about special trees in Warner Park.

Erv Bendorf, Leopold Neighborhood Association, spoke on community gardens at Leopold Park. Thanked the Parks Division and City for their assistance.

Jill Schneider, City Committee on Community Gardens, spoke about the letter from the Community Garden Committee to the Parks Commission. Discussed the history of the Community Garden Committee and the need for additional development of community garden sites. Indicated a willingness of Community Gardens Committee to be a resource to work with the Parks Division and Parks Commission.

IV. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Commission for any item on the agenda.

V. REPORTS

A. Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Meeting, Available at:
http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/meetings/2012/1/9593_M_WARNER_PARK_COMMUNITY_RECREATION_CENTER_ADVISORY_SUBCOMMITTEE_12-01-26_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

B. Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Minutes of February 6, 2012, Available at:
http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/meetings/2012/2/11128_M_HABITAT_STEWARDSHIP_SUBCOMMITTEE_12-02-06_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

C. Long Range Planning Subcommittee Minutes of January 23, 2012, Available at:
http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/meetings/2012/1/10951_M_LONG_RANGE_PLANNING_SUBCOMMITTEE_12-01-23_Meeting_Minutes.pdf

D. Olbrich Botanical Society Minutes for the December 13, 2011 and January 17, 2012 meetings.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Clear, to Approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2012 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; the February 6, 2012 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; January 23, 2012 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; December 13, 2011 and January 17, 2012 Olbrich Botanical Society meetings. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

E. President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner mentioned that the Loons are back on the lakes. President Wallner mentioned that a recent meeting with the goose coalition went well. President Wallner discussed ongoing community garden placement work and his visit to the potential site for James Madison Park.

F. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski discussed the James Madison community garden siting. Productive meeting with Madison Fruits and Nuts. Staff is continuing to work with the Alder and interested parties on siting a community garden in Brittingham Park. Distributed the Goodman Waves brochure.

1. Written Report of Supervisor's Activities, April 2012

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A motion by Barker, seconded by Clear to take items J and K out of order. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- J Request from Debbie Lloyd to place a Little Library within Brittingham Park.
Registered Speaker: Debbie Lloyd, In support of installation of a Little Library in Brittingham Park.
- K Request of Christine Antonuzzo and Wade DallaGrana, 842 Terry Place, to locate a Little Library within Wingra Park.
Registered Speaker: Christine Antonuzzo, In support of installation of a Little Library in Wingra Park.

City Parks and Real Estate staff presented the process that will be used for these type of requests in the future. The process will be expedited in the future by a staff generated approval that is then introduced to the Council and referred to appropriate Commissions.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to approve the Little Library requests in Brittingham and Wingra Parks. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- A. Request from Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to hold its annual Light the Night Walk at Warner Park on Thursday, September 20, 2012.
Registrants: Kimberly Kokott and Ann Marie Frakes, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, in support, not wishing to speak.

A motion was made by Scarbrough, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- B. Request from Mad Bike Polo / North American Hardcourt to hold the Midwest Hard Court Bike Polo Championships at Door Creek park on May 18-20, 2012.
Registered Speaker: Sam Crossley, Mad Bike Polo / North American Hardcourt, Speaking in support of the requested event.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- C. Request from UW Extension Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey to Install two temporary groundwater monitoring wells at Sherman Village Park.
Registered Speaker: Madeline Gotkowitz, Wisconsin Geological & Natural History Survey, presented the monitoring well plans and how the research was valuable and would be used.

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Leopold, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- D. Request from UW Extension Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey to install a temporary groundwater monitoring wells at Lake Edge Park.

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

- E. A Resolution approving plans and specifications and authorizing City Engineering to work with the University of Wisconsin, WDNR, City Parks, and Dane County to design, construct, monitor and maintain beach management systems at Bernie's Beach, BB Clarke Beach, Olin Beach, and Olbrich Beach or Warner Beach and Amending the 2012 Stormwater Utility Capital Budget to accept and provide funding for Olbrich Beach or Warner Beach through a Water Quality Grant from Dane County.

John Reimer, City Engineering, presented a report on beach water quality improvement initiatives over the past three years and the plan for 2012.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold to approve and Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the Board of Public Works. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- F. Removal and Replacement of the Bordner Park / Forsythia Cunette

Lisa Coleman, City Engineering, presented the planned improvements for the Bordner Park Cunette.

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

- G. Authorizing the grant of a permanent limited easement to American Transmission Company for an electric transmission line across a portion of the Orchard Ridge Valley Park, located at 961 Gilbert Road.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough to approve and Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed 5-2; 5 AYE (Clear, Clausius, Leopold, Scarbrough, Wallner), 2 NO (Barker and Ragland).

- H. Authorizing the grant of a permanent limited easement to American Transmission Company for an electric transmission line across a portion of the Odana Hills Golf Course, located at 4635 Odana Road.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Scarbrough to approve and Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed 5-2; 5 AYE (Clear, Clausius, Leopold, Scarbrough, Wallner), 2 NO (Barker and Ragland).

- I. Placement of a Lake Edge Neighborhood Sign within Lake Edge Park.

Registered Speaker: Tom Stoebig, Lake Edge Neighborhood Association, support of the placement of the neighborhood sign in the park.

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

- L. Volunteer Assistance in Invasive Species Removal Policy

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Scarbrough, to Adopt. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

M. City of Madison Heritage Tree Program

City Forester Marla Eddy presented an overview of the Heritage Tree Program.

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

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to recess at 8:37 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other. President Wallner called the meeting back to order at 8:45 PM.

N. Appeal to the Board of Park Commissioners by Ken Backus regarding trees planted in the public right-of-way at 1259 E Johnson St.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Open the Appeal Hearing. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Superintendent Briski presented the issue before the Park Commission. The issue before the Commission is related to the trees planted within the terrace, as these are under the authority of the City Forester by Madison General Ordinances, with appeal rights to the Board of Park Commissioners.

Registered Speakers in support of the appeal: Ken Bachus, Sarah Krahn, Gene Mitchell, Clinton Packman

Registrants in support of the appeal, not wishing to speak: Craig Argall, Aaron Weiford, Willow Grimm, Trish O'Kane, and Patrick Lyons

City Forester Marla Eddy presented the City's position on the trees in the terrace. The six trees planted are not on the approved species list. The City would not permit these trees to be planted if requested. Matt Tucker discussed the Building Inspection and Zoning issues related to trees in the terrace.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Close the Appeal Hearing. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Deny the Appeal. Motion failed by Roll Call vote: 2 AYE (Clear, Clausius), 4 No (Barker, Leopold, Ragland, Wallner).

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Appeal. Motion passed: 4 AYE (Barker, Leopold, Ragland, Wallner), 2 No (Clear, Clausius).

O. Amending Section 10.10 of the Madison General Ordinances to update language and special assessment procedures for street tree installations.

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Clausius, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the Public Works. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

P. Amending Sections 1.08(3)(a) and (4) of the Madison General Ordinances to

broaden Parks Division ordinance enforcement authority.

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Ragland to approve the Ordinance and RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Clear, to Adjourn at 9:30 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other..