



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, October 11, 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, October 11, 2017 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Members Excused: Ald. Maurice Cheeks and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Charlie Romines; Lisa Laschinger; Janet Schmidt; Marla Eddy; and Joanne Austin.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Venus Washington arrived at 6:37 pm.

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

Members Excused: 1 – Ald. Maurice Cheeks.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker John Fons spoke in opposition to memorial removal at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Registered Speaker William McGrath spoke in support of changes to Reynolds Park.

Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

## REPORTS

### President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner met with the new Warner Park Facility Manager Terrence Thompson. There will be a meeting next week to discuss issues at Reynolds Field and James Madison Parks. Wallner met with Alder Zellers and neighbors and will meet with Parks staff and Madison Police about this.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 49043

Public Hearing (6:45 pm) - Ordering the removal and destruction of certain trees declared to be public nuisances under MGO Sec. 23.40(4)(b) and directing the City Forester to proceed with nuisance abatement activities.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Open the public hearing.**

Registered Speaker Hannah Foster spoke about getting an extension. Registrant Andrew Brekke requested clarification on his notices and was available to answer questions.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Close the public hearing.**

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

### President of the Park Commission (continued)

#### 49110

Park Commission President Appointment to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

**A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the Operating Budget was released last week. There were no big changes from last year. Wallner would like to see the Capital Budget at the next meeting. Knepp stated that it is online under [www.cityofmadison.com/finance](http://www.cityofmadison.com/finance), and will send the Commissioners the hyperlink. The Operating and Capital Budgets will be finalized the second week in November. Olbrich Gardens will hold a Public Meeting/Information Session on October 18th at 7 PM about the upcoming construction. Potential new sites for dog parks are being evaluated. A budget amendment has been put forward to rehabilitate Brittingham dog park.

[49122](#)

Superintendent's October Report

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

David Wallner left at 7:18 pm.

**Members Present: 5 – Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Venus Washington.**

**Members Excused: 2 – Ald. Maurice Cheeks; and David Wallner.**

[49094](#)

Report of the Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Accept the Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

David Wallner returned at 7:20 pm.

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

**Members Excused: 1 – Ald. Maurice Cheeks.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve by Consent: Agenda No. 14, Legislative File No. 49116; Agenda No. 16, Legislative File No. 49082; and No. 17, Legislative File No. 49030. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[49116](#)

Request from Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association and the Friends of Merrill Springs for the installation of an informational kiosk in Merrill Springs Park.

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

[49082](#)

Request by Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools for the use of Vilas Park on Sunday, October 15, 2017 for the GSAFE Trick of Trot 5K Walk/Run.

**Registrant Bryan Juchems of GSAFE registered in support of the event.**

**Registrant Amelia Speight of GSAFE registered in support of the event.**

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

[49030](#)

Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Penn Park, located at 2101 Fisher Street.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[49085](#) Approving Plans and Specifications for Crazylegs Plaza and Wingra Park Entrance.

**Ken Saiki of Ken Saiki Design gave a presentation.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Washington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[48682](#) Request from Wild Warner to install Wayfinding, Interpretive and Placemaking Signage in Warner Park

**Ald. Maurice Cheeks arrived at 7:40 pm.**

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

**Parks Operation Manager Lisa Laschinger spoke about the project.**

**Registered Speaker Marie Jacobson spoke in support.**

**Registrant Tim Nelson of Wild Warner registered in support.**

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

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

[48740](#) Sports Complex Feasibility Study Update

**Consultants Dan Morton and Evan Eleff of SFA gave a presentation.**

**Registrant Diane Morgenthaler registered.**

**Registrant Chris Lay of Madison Area Youth Soccer Association registered.**

**Registrant Jamie Patrick of Madison Area Sports Commission registered in support.**

**Registrant Missy Tracy of Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison registered in support.**

**Registrant Melissa Huggins registered in support.**

**Registrant Daniel Brown registered in support.**

[49096](#) Proposed 2018 Parks Division Fees

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

[49114](#) Proposed 2018 Forest Hill Cemetery Fees

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 9:38 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**