



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, March 13, 2013

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility  
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy

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### I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2012 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility at 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: William Barker; Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear, Madelyn Leopold, Nancy Ragland; Emanuel Scarbrough, and David Wallner. Alder Clear was excused from the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Parks staff present: Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, Chris Pedretti, Kay Rutledge, Sarah Lerner, and Joanne Austin.

City staff present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Tony Fernandez, City Engineering.

### II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold to Approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### III PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker: T.R. Loon - Spoke about the Orton Park Festival and also thanked Bill Barker for his service to the City.

### IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals made at the meeting.

### V REPORTS

#### A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner and Nancy Ragland attended the Olbrich Volunteer luncheon and the Madison Parks Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. He mentioned that Bill Barker was honored for his years of service at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. He also recently attended Olbrich Planning and Design public meeting. President Wallner thanked staff for their work on the Madison Parks Volunteer Recognition Ceremony and the Olbrich Volunteer Luncheon. President Wallner also commended the moonlight ski event organized by Friends of Olin Turville, which he attended.

Vice-President Leopold reported on the recent gift recieved by the CAC for the Brittingham Community Garden. The gift was on behalf of the Madison Parks Foundation and will be provided by the Madison Community Foundation.

1 **Park Commission President Board Member and Citizen  
Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park  
Commissioners**

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold to recommend to the Council for Confirmation. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**B Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Kevin Briski thanked Bill Barker for his service and discussed the successful Volunteer Recognition Dinner. He also thanked the Madison Park Foundation for their sponsorship of the event. Superintendent Briski also discussed the current hiring process for an Executive Director for the Madison Parks Foundation.

Bill Barker spoke to the award he received and expressed his graciousness for receiving the Distinguished Service Award at the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

1 **Written Report of Supervisor's March 2013 Activities**

A motion was made by Leopold, seoncded by Ragland to Accept the report. Motion passed by voice vote, other.

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

**A Request from Next Level Event Productions to use Vilas Park on  
September 14, 2013 for the "Run Back to the 80's", a 5K event.**

Parks Community Services Manager Chris Pedretti presented the item to the Commission. The Commission requested additional information from the organizers related to their for profit status and the percentage of revenues to be distributed to the Henry Vilas Zoo. The organizers indicated that approximately 10-20% of the profits would go to the Zoo. Leopold indicated that it was important for the oranizers to be aware and avoid the natural area along the drive towards the lake. A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**B Creating Section 8.32 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish a disc  
golf permit, and amending Sections 1.08(3)(a) and 1.08(4) of the Madison  
General Ordinances to create a bond schedule for violations of this permit  
requirement that is enforceable by the Parks Division**

Superintendent Briski presented this issue and informed the Commission that the Disc Golf pass system was created in conjunction with the primary user group, which is supportive. Assistant Superintendent Knepp provided information to the Commission in regard to reciprocity with the County. A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Clear to Approve this Ordinance and to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- C**                   SUBSTITUTE Authorizing an exchange of lands between the City of Madison and Cherokee Park, Inc., to correct title to a portion of Cherokee Marsh North and a portion of Cherokee Golf Course.
- Parks Planning and Development Manager Kay Rutledge presented the issue to the Commission. Rutledge provide specifics on the land exchange and how it was mutually beneficial to the City and Cherokee Park Inc. as it allowed Golf course property to go to Cherokee Park, Inc. and conservation land to go to the City. A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Scarbrough to Approve this Resolution and RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- D**                   Authorizing the execution of farm leases on lands dedicated to the City of Madison located in undeveloped plats.
- Parks Planning and Development Manager Kay Rutledge presented the issue to the Commission. Rutledge indicated that this process was established by Real Estate to expeditiously address issues whereby the City acquires land that currently has a farm lease to continue until the land is needed by the City for its acquired purpose. This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- E**                   SUBSTITUTE Creating Section 8.32 of the Madison General Ordinances to allow edible landscaping on City-owned land.
- Superintendent Briski and Kay Rutledge presented the issue to the Commission. Rutledge outlined existing Parks process and how this ordinance would be accommodated in that process.**
- Registered Speakers in Support: Nan Fey and Percy Mather.**
- A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Scarbrough to Approve and Return to Lead with the Following Recommendations to the Madison Food Policy Council: 1. Provision 5(c) related to indemnification be eliminated; 2. Having a one time application process; 3. Language added to ensure produce is available to all; 4. The agency responsible for the land should issue the permit; 5. Language to indicate that the produce shall not be sold. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- F**                   Warner Park Bike Path Reconstruction and Bridge Replacements
- Tony Fernandez from City Engineering and Kay Rutledge presented the issue to the Commission. Rutledge outlined that what was being presented was in addition to what was originally proposed, as alternatives and modifications had been made after the public input meeting from March 7th. Materials related to the presenation can be found attached to legislative file #29366.**
- Registered Speaker in support of the project, but opposed to the current plan: Michael Rewey. Registered Speaker in opposition to the new bridges: Trish O'Kane.**
- The Commission discussed the impacts of the bikepath on the shelter, trees, environment, and aesthetics of the park. The Commission discussed long**

**term maintenance issues and budgetary costs associated with the bridges. The Commission determined that it would be best to take some time to review this issue further and to potentially visit the site prior to making a determination.**

**A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Leopold to refer this item to the April, 10, 2013 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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**Reindahl Park Master Plan Revision to Incorporate Splash Pad Funded in the 2013 Capital Budget.**

**Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented the Master Plan changes to Reindahl Park to incorporate a Splash Pad at Reindahl Park. Presentation materials can be found attached to the legislative file (#29340) in Legistar. A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Clausius, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Barker to Adjourn at 9:01 P.M. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**