



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, September 2, 2015

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, September 2, 2015 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Jeffrey Lewis; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Ald. Mark Clear; and Madelyn Leopold.  
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; and Janet Schmidt.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; and Jule Stroick and William Fruhling, City Planning.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2015 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

Wallner noted that the new carpet at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center looks great. He went to Lake Edge Park to see the status of the new shelter, Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge stated that we hope to have it open by next spring. He also attended the Orton Park Festival. He is hoping for updates at a later date regarding noise complaints. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to open the Central Park skate park on Thursday, September 10th at 11 AM.

**Superintendent of Parks**

Capital Projects are moving forward quickly and will continue to do so with the hiring of our new Parks Planning and Development Manager, Janet Schmidt, who most recently worked for City Engineering. Our Capital Budget fared well with no dramatic cuts in projects. An agreement with the Mallards regarding Breese Stevens is being put on hold for now until more research is done following future events. The Brittingham playground project is on hold pending the Racial Equity and Social Justice Assessment. Wallner would like to get a better sense of how the Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives Team feels about the project and how it will affect certain groups. Wallner questioned why Park Ranger calls have almost doubled during the months of June and July versus last year. Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that as the Park Ranger staff has grown and the community becomes more aware of them, there will be more calls.

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Superintendent's August 2015 Report

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Report of the June 16, 2015 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Lewis, seconded by Ragland, to Accept the Report of the Olbrich Botanical Society. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**NEW BUSINESS**[39890](#)

Semi-Annual Update from the Madison Area Sports Commission.

Registered Speakers Jamie Patrick and Diane Morgenthaler from Madison Area Sports Commission presented an update and were available to answer questions.

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Authorizing the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Reverend Larry V. Jackson and Katherine M. Jackson for the purchase of a parcel located at 2049 Baird Street.

Assistant Parks Superintendent Kay Rutledge presented information on the potential acquisition which would be an addition to Penn Park.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Lewis, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Creating Section 8.24(1)(ee) of the Madison General Ordinances to ban alcohol from Olbrich Park.

**Registered Speaker Alder David Ahrens spoke in favor of enacting the ban.**

**Current behavioral issues in the park and adjacent parks were discussed. Lewis expressed concern as to where the problem will move and who will need to address it.**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Lewis, to Refer this item to the next meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Accepting the Greening America's Capitals: Brittingham - Triangle Green Project Report and authorizing staff to further study the concepts and actions contained in the Report during future planning and infrastructure activities within the project area.

**William Fruhling, City Planning, presented highlights from the report.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation to Accept to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Adopting the University Hill Farms Neighborhood Plan as a supplement to the City of Madison's Comprehensive Plan.

**Registered Speaker Jacki Lawton from University Hill Farms Association was in support of the plan.**

**Jule Stroick, City Planning, presented highlights from the plan.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Lewis, to Return to Lead with Recommendation to Adopt to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Adjourn at 8:58 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**