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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

6:30 PM

VIRTUAL

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. President Miller Fienen called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Derek Field; Ald. Carmella Glenn; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Michelle Probst.

Members Excused: Ben Williams.

Parks Staff Present: Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Jen Stoiber; and Chad Hughes.

City Staff Present: Heidi Radlinger (Office of Real Estate); Katie Crawley (Mayor's Office); and Ryan Stenjem (Engineering).

2 [89768](#) Approval of the Minutes of the August 13, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the Minutes of the August 13, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [89772](#) Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS**5 President of the Park Commission**

President Chandra Miller Fienen shared that there is a Ribbon Cutting ceremony at Capitol Centre Park. This is an important park due to the lack of parks along the Isthmus and it's an opportunity to serve the community in downtown Madison. Although Ride the Drive was cancelled, she thanked all staff, stakeholders, and volunteers that worked so hard to try to make it happen. Informational report about the Capital Budget will be discussed later in the meeting. Eric Knepp will be returning as the Parks Superintendent. Thanked Lisa and CJ for the work they have done to keep Parks up and running.

6 Superintendent of Parks

Interim Superintendent Lisa Laschinger gave the report. The GLEAM event at Olbrich Gardens is in its 10th year. Golf continues to do well in amount of rounds and revenue. 18 of the 36 current holes at Yahara Hills Golf Course will shut sown permanently next week. Our subcommittees are working hard. With Common Council approval, Facilities, Programs and Fees will add another member, being brought to Park Commission on October 8th and Common Council on October 28th. This will leave only one more vacancy.

7 [89799](#) September 2025 Superintendent's Report

Finance Manager Jen Stoiber presented the Finance and Administration Report.

Ben Williams arrived at 6:52 PM

Members Present: 7 – Ald. Derek Field; Ald. Carmella Glenn; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Operations Manager Chad Hughes presented the Operations report.

Motion made by Field, seconded by Probst, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

8 [89793](#) Report of the Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee meeting.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9 NEW BUSINESS**10 [89846](#) Informational Presentation of The Parks Division's 2026 Executive Capital Budget**

Finance Manager Jen Stoiber provided an informational presentation of the Parks Division's 2026 Executive Capital Budget and was available to answer questions.

- 11 [89698](#) Authorizing the use of a Farmland Lease Master Template for those City-owned lands being rented for farming, the administrative approval of City staff to negotiate lease terms, and the execution of lease documents by the City's Director of the Department of Planning, Community and Economic Development, or assigns. (Citywide)
- Laschinger provided an overview.
- Heidi Radlinger of the Office of Real Estate was available to answer questions.
- Motion made by Field, seconded by Glenn, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 12 [89534](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an agreement with Mendota Yacht Club, for the use and closure of Marshall Park boat launch and surrounding area from September 17, 2025 - September 20, 2025. (District 19)
- Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of the agreement and was available to answer questions.
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Field, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 13 [89750](#) Informational report on the 2025 American Family Insurance Championship's impact on Cherokee Marsh Park - North Unit
- Ryan provided an overview of the report.
- Registered speaker Katie Johnson of the American Parkway and Tournament Manager of TPC Championship spoke in support and solicited feedback from the Commissioners.**
- 14 [89553](#) Recognizing the Lake Wingra Loop Community Bike Ride occurring on September 28, 2025, celebrating the special sites surrounding Lake Wingra, and urging city staff to identify and promote policies and practices that promote the health of Lake Wingra. (District 13)
- Laschinger provided an overview and was available to answer questions.
- Motion made by Probst, seconded by Glenn, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [89835](#) Informational Presentation from City Engineering Regarding Potential Impacts of the East Isthmus and Yahara Watershed Study Conceptual Solutions on Park Owned Land
- Ryan Stenjem of Engineering presented and answered questions.

- 16 [89837](#) Authorizing the Madison Mallards to make improvements to the Warner Ball Park Stadium, subject to final written approval by the Parks Superintendent (District 18)

Ryan provided an overview of the request.

Registered speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards spoke in support and answered questions.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Field, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 17 **Adjournment**

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to Adjourn at 8:34 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.