



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, June 10, 2026

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, June 10, 2026. President Miller Fienen called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Bethany Alwa; Ald. Carmella Glenn; Patrick Hasburgh; Ald. Noah Lieberman; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Nicole Miller; Dave Vetovec; Chad Hughes; Kelly Post; Steve Dray; and Terrence Thompson. **City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

2 [93431](#)

Approving the Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Hasburgh, to Approve the Minutes of the May 13, 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [93435](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 Disclosures and Recusals

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

President Miller Fienen did not give a report.

6 Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp provided the Superintendent Report. Most park facilities have been started up and are open for the season, one exception being the Warner Park boat launch restrooms. Knepp noted that Golf is doing well this year, but is now operating as a 54 hole operation. Due to the upcoming Odana Hills project, we anticipate an investment year next year where we will be losing funding. The Mayor provided direction regarding the 2027 budget, in which the baseline maintains current service levels. In addition, all Agencies were asked to provide suggestions for a reduction in levy support of 2%, which if taken would require reduction in services.

7 [93451](#)

June 2026 Superintendent's Report

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Lieberman, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

8 [93436](#)

Accepting the Report of the Minutes of the Facilities, Programs and Fees May 11, 2026 meeting.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Alwa, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9 New Business

10 [93494](#)

Request from staff to provide Parks Superintendent authority to extend alcohol ban at Elver Park on July 3 and July 5, 2026. (District 20)

Ranger Supervisor Steve Dray provided an overview of the request and answered questions.

Motion made by Lieberman, seconded by Hasburgh, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11 [93476](#)

Approving the request from Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, Inc. to extend Madison Park hours for Fete de Marquette, to 11 PM, on Friday, July 10 & Saturday, July 11, 2026, at McPike Park, with amplification and beer sales ending at 10:45 PM. (District 16)

Registered speaker Gary Kallas of Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center was in support and available to answer questions.

Park and Street Use Supervisor Kelly Post provided an overview of the request and was available to answer questions.

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

- 12 [92282](#) Amending Subsections 8.12(3) and (12) of the Madison General Ordinances to clarify the requirements for burials in the veterans section at Forest Hill Cemetery, and to clarify the Parks Division's role in cemetery operations. (District 13)
- Operations Manager Chad Hughes provided an overview of the proposed ordinance amendment and was available to answer questions. Laschinger and Knepp answered questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Hasburgh, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 13 [93429](#) Adopting Conceptual Master Plan for Odana Hills Golf Course (District 11)
- Registered speaker Sean Merewood of MadNorSki was in opposition and answered questions.**
- Laschinger provided an overview of the Master Plan and answered questions.**
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by Lieberman, to Adopt the Plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 14 [93427](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Donation and Improvement Agreement with the Madison Parks Foundation and Michael and Jocelyn Keiser, and a Developer's Agreement for the Donation and Construction of Public Improvements with the Madison Parks Foundation for the Privately Funded Improvement of Odana Hills Golf Course (District 11)
- Laschinger and Knepp gave an overview of the agreements and were available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Lieberman, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [93413](#) Adopting the Parks Division's Surveillance Policy (Citywide)
- Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of the policy. Ryan and Dray answered questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Hasburgh, to Adopt the Policy. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 16 [93444](#) Authorizing the City’s execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and Madison Crushing & Excavating, Inc. for the purchase of four unaddressed tax parcels, one tax parcel addressed as 3328 Nelson Rd and a portion of two tax parcels both listed as 5185 Reiner in the Town of Burke and the City of Sun Prairie for future park land, together with a Public Access Easement Agreement over adjacent lands to access said park land.
- Laschinger provided an overview of the acquisition and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Lieberman, seconded by Hasburgh, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 17 [93466](#) Approving the Board Of Park Commissioners 2026 - 2028 Work Plan (Citywide)
- Ryan presented the plan, took feedback, and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by Alwa, to Approve the Plan. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 18 [93320](#) Staff Status Report Projects and Programs Supported by the Madison Parks Foundation (Citywide)
- Ryan provided an overview of the report and was available to answer questions.**
- 19 [93477](#) Informational Update from the Madison Parks Foundation (Citywide)
- Ty Beck, President of the Madison Parks Foundations Board, provided an overview of current initiatives by the MPF. Beck and Stephanie Franklin, Executive Director of the Madison Parks Foundation, answered questions.**
- 20 [93430](#) Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff
- Post provided a review of the reports and answered questions.**
- 21 [93467](#) Informational Report on the Parks Division 2026 Work Plan (Citywide)
- Ryan provided a presentation regarding the Division's work plan and answered questions.**
- 22 **Adjournment**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Hasburgh, to Adjourn at 9:03 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**