



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Members Excused: Venus Washington.

Members Absent: Ald. Zachary Henak.

Parks Staff Present: Lisa Laschinger; Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; and Sarah Close.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office and Sally Swenson, City Engineering.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2019 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

President Madelyn Leopold reported that there would be a ribbon cutting for the Elver Park accessible playground on July 12th. On August 21st, Warner Park Facility Manager Terrence Thompson will give a presentation at the Mallards stadium about youth programming at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. The August Board of Park Commissioners meeting will consist of a tour of Penn and Olin Parks. Leopold attended the first public input meeting for the Vilas Park master plan. Leopold commended Nancy Ragland on her many years of extraordinary contributions to Madison Parks - both as a City employee and as a member of multiple Parks subcommittees and the Board of Park Commissioners.

Alder Zachary Henak arrived at 6:45 pm.

Members Present: 6 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Members Excused: Venus Washington.

Superintendent of Parks

Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge reported that July is National Parks and Recreation Month, which was recognized in a Common Council resolution. July 10th is the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Madison Parks and Pleasure Drive. Events this month include the Elver Park accessible playground ribbon cutting and the dedication of the Mildred Harnack Memorial at Marshall Park. The Board of Park Commissioners will receive the results of the Urban Forestry Task Force in the near future. The Golf Taskforce was established in June by the Common Council. The Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee is working on policy regarding dogs in parks and is running a series of public input meetings to gather feedback.

[56567](#)

Superintendent's July 2019 Report

Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the Planning and Development quarterly report.

Rutledge presented the Public Information Office quarterly report.

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

[56540](#)

Report of the Minutes of the May 13, 2019 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee and May 21, 2019 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 56285; No. 12, Legislative File No. 56553; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 56555. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

56285

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease for farming purposes with Daniel J. Kaltenberg for approximately 22 acres of land located at 2004 Wheeler Road, which land was acquired in 2018 for the expansion of Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park. (18th A.D.)

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

56553

Request from Capitol Off Road Pathfinders (CORP) for use of various parks for one day practices under terms of a fee modification through October 31, 2021.

Registrant Peter Berbee was in support.

Registrant Travis Gruchow was in support.

Registrant Rob Lewis of Capitol Off Road Pathfinders was in support.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Approve. Motion made by voice vote/other.

56555

Request from Warner Park Cardinals Youth Football Program (Program) for the use of athletic fields at Warner Park as its home field under terms of a fee modification through December 1, 2021.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Place on File Without Prejudice. Motion made by voice vote/other.

56554

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Madison Nordic Ski Club, Inc. (MadNorSki) to use the City's Snow Equipment to make snow at Elver Park for cross-country skiing and the Winter Festival, and to groom the Elver Park cross-country skiing trails.

Registered speaker Peter Berbee spoke.

Registered speaker Yuriy Guse spoke in support.

Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger presented the fee modification.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

56556

Request from City Engineering to Repair the Outfall at Spring Harbor Boat Launch

Registrant Alice Erickson was available to answer questions.

Sally Swenson of City Engineering presented the project.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[56533](#) Request from Madison Parks Foundation for the use of Vilas Park from Tuesday, October 15 - Sunday, October 20, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down for Picnic in the Park. The event is on Saturday, October 19, 2019.

Registered speaker Robert Hemauer, Vice President of the Madison Parks Foundation, spoke in support.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[56531](#) Request from the National Eating Disorders Association for the use of Rennebohm Park on Sunday, September 29, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down for the National Eating Disorders Association Walk.

Laschinger provided an overview of the request.

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[56532](#) Request from Loco Sports, LLC and Friends of Lake Wingra for the use of Wingra Park on Saturday, October 12, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down for the LL Bean Flannel 5K.

Registered speaker Sean Osborne spoke in support.

Laschinger answered questions.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Henak, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[56561](#) Greenside Park Master Plan

Parks Landscape Architect Sarah Close presented the master plan.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[56558](#) Request from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals for the use of James Madison Park for Ella Phantzperil, August 1 - August 31, 2019.

Freiwald presented the request.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Gnam, to Refer to the next Park Commission meeting following consultation with the City Attorney. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

56489

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Central Cross Country Skiing, Inc. ("CXC"), to use the City's Snow Equipment to make snow for cross-country skiing and the Winter Festival, to groom the City's cross-country skiing trails, to store and use CXC equipment at Elver Park, and to hold practices, lessons and competitions at Elver Park for the years from 2019-2024.

Registered speaker Peter Berbee spoke in opposition.

Registered speaker Yuriy Guse spoke in support.

Laschinger provided an overview of the agreement.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.

56661

Request from Friends of Merrill Springs Park to add a Native American Commemorative Plaque in Merrill Springs Park

Registered speaker Alice Erickson, President of Friends of Merrill Springs, spoke in support.

Freiwald presented the request.

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Henak, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 8:19 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.