



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual

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### ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, June 8, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Members Excused:** Catie Shannon.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Greg Genin; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; and Mike Sturm.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

[71846](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the May 11, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting.

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Minutes.**

[71850](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam mentioned there is a new Commissioner, Catie Shannon, who is not able to attend this month. Looking forward to having a full commission in the very near future. Recently met with a resident of the Reindahl Park neighborhood. Heard Tanya Zastrow's update on the Olbrich Botanical Gardens at her church. June is a good month for Parks.

**Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the Goodman Pool is ready to open and beaches have been open with good attendance on Memorial Day. Golf isn't as good as last year, but still looking good. Provided an update on accessible playgrounds. Only one playground will be built this year. The Warner Park all inclusive playground construction will begin this year. The Rennebohm playground will go out to bid over the winter and construction will likely take place next year. The Clean Beach system opened at Warner Beach and seems to be functioning well. Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee has begun and is looking for guidance from the Commission on how they would like to receive updates on their work.

**71857**

June 2022 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin provided the Operations quarterly report.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**71868**

Report of the Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

**NEW BUSINESS****71895**

Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Madison Parks Division and Brentwood Park Volunteer Group pertaining to the construction and maintenance of Dirt Pump Track at Brentwood Park.

Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald provided an overview of the project.

Registered speaker Henry Stayduhar spoke in support.

Registered speaker Tyler Bell spoke in support.

Registered speaker Elliott Mergen of Sheridan Triangle Neighborhood Association spoke in support.

Registrant Nicholas Gallagher was in support.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the MOU.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[71804](#) Authorizing the City to execute Quit Claim Deeds Relating to the 1981 sale of the houses located on park land at 1 and 2 Thorstrand Road in Marshall Park (19th AD).

**Knepp provided an overview of the request.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Harrington, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[71889](#) Lake Monona Waterfront Project Update

**Landscape Architect Mike Sturm provided an update on the Lake Monona Waterfront initiative.**

**The Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee appointments have been completed and it will narrow down submitted master plans to be submitted to Council for adoption in 2023. Their next meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, June 15th.**

[71894](#) Warner Park Community Recreation Center Expansion Project Update

**Sturm gave an update on the WPCRC expansion project.**

[71833](#) Authorizing the Parks Superintendent to Enter into Boat Launch Use Agreements With Construction Companies to Use Designated Boat Launches for Private Purposes

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview of the agreement and current issues staff are encountering.**

**Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[71890](#) Confirming the Board of Park Commissioners meeting format for July and August 2022 and determining meeting format for September 2022.

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington, to confirm July and August meeting formats and meet in person from September through December 2022. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Harrington, to Adjourn at 8:35PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**