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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Members Excused: Ald. Mark Clear and Madelyn Leopold.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Charlie Romines; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; and Janet Schmidt.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve the Minutes of the April 13, 2016 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Gary Tipler spoke regarding tree loss on Jenifer Street.

Registered Speaker Anne Walker spoke regarding canopy tree loss.

Registered Speakers Jason Waller and Mia Broderson from SASYNA Union Triangle Neighborhood Committee spoke regarding crime in Reger Park.

Registered Speaker Shayna Leib spoke regarding a petition to change the Emerald Ash Borer tree policy.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Wallner toured the new Lake Edge Park shelter. Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the Opening date would be confirmed soon.

Superintendent of Parks

We're preparing for the summer season and construction, including many playground replacements and tree plantings. The three Splash Park's hours have been extended and the Goodman Pool's preparations have started. The Capital Budget was turned in today. Assistant Superintendent Kay Rutledge is in Boston learning more about data management and how to better incorporate data usage into parks management. She is the primary author of the Capital Budget and will discuss it at the next meeting. We're receiving typical dandelion complaints. The Earth Day Challenge was a success and we had an increase in the number of volunteers compared to last year. There will be only one Ride the Drive held downtown this year that will lead into Trek's Bike Week, held annually at Monona Terrace. There will be an Elver Park Community Days Celebration in August. Shake the Lake will return this year and organizer Big Top Events has been a successful partner.

[42848](#)

Superintendent's May 2016 Report

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

[42843](#)

Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the November 17, 2015 and March 29, 2016 Golf Subcommittee; February 2, 2016 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; January 28, 2016 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; and December 15, 2015 and March 15, 2016 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Accept the reports. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 16, Legislative File No. 42792; and No. 17, Legislative File No. 42799. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[42792](#)

Request from the City of Fitchburg for a temporary land use permit and permanent limited easement for a water line at Huegel Park.

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

[42799](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a purchase of services (POS) contract with REAP Food Group, Inc., to provide administration and coordination of a summer meals program in partnership with the Madison Parks Division, Madison Metropolitan School District, Public Health Madison & Dane County, and Midvale Baptist Church.

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

42793

Pond in Cherokee Marsh near intersection of Wheeler Road and Bonner Lane

Sally Swenson from City Engineering gave a presentation about the proposal and presented handouts of updated maps.

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

42790

Acewood Pond Sand Filter in Acewood Conservation Park

Phil Gaebler from City Engineering gave an overview of the proposal.

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

42780

Wisconsin Urban Wood Trade Proposal

Assistant Superintendent Charlie Romines gave an overview of the proposal.

Twink Jan McMahon registered in support and was available to answer questions.

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

42665

Request from Townsquare Active to add an additional event day, Sunday, July 24, 2016 for the Insane Inflatable 5K at Warner Park.

A conference call was held with Nick Germano, organizer of the event.

Registered Speaker Tim Nelson spoke in opposition to expanding the event.

Marian Celesnik registered in opposition.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve.

Motion failed by the following vote:

Approve - Baldeh and Wallner

Oppose - Gnam, Lewis, and Ragland

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to recess at 8:08 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Members Present: 5 – Ald. Samba Baldeh, Emily Gnam, Jeffrey Lewis, Nancy Ragland, and David Wallner.

Members Excused: 1 – Madelyn Leopold and Ald. Mark Clear.

Reconvened at 8:17 PM.

Members Present: 5 – Ald. Samba Baldeh, Emily Gnam, Jeffrey Lewis, Nancy Ragland, and David Wallner.

Members Excused: 1 – Madelyn Leopold and Ald. Mark Clear.

[42692](#)

Request by New Belgium Brewing Company for the use of Olin Park on June 2, 2016 for Clips Beer and Film Tour and to extend event activities, including amplification and beer sales to 10:30 PM.

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

[42689](#)

Request by The Literacy Network for the use of Central Park on: July 28, 2016; August 4, 11, 12, 18; and September 8, 2016 for Central Park Sessions and to extend the event activities, including amplification and beer sales to 11 PM.

Anne Walker registered in opposition of the request due to an increasing problem with events.

Registered Speaker Bob Queen representing The Literacy Network spoke in support, and amended his request for Central Park Sessions to extend the event on August 11th to 11 PM for acoustic sound only after 10 PM.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to approve the request to extend the hours only on August 11, 2016, for Central Park Sessions to 10:30 PM.

The motion was amended by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to approve the request to extend the hours only on August 11, 2016, for Central Park Sessions to 11 PM.

The motion to amend the main motion was passed by the following vote:

**Approve – Baldeh, Ragland and Wallner
Oppose – Gnam, Lewis**

The amended motion was passed by the following vote:

**Approve – Baldeh, Ragland, Wallner
Oppose – Gnam
Abstain – Lewis**

[42651](#)

Amending the 2016 Capital Budget for the Parks Division to create a new project “Community Sports Complex” and to appropriate \$37,500 in new general obligation borrowing to the project and Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Madison Area Sports Commission to commission a feasibility study for a Community Sports Complex.

Knepp provided an overview of the project.

Melissa Huggins and Daniel Brown from Ho Chunk Gaming Madison; and Jamie Patrick of MASC registered in support and were available to answer questions.

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.

- [42700](#) Extending the authorization of a pilot program to expand the dogs in parks policy to include additional locations where dogs are allowed within designated parks as authorized by Madison General Ordinances 8.19(1)(a) (3).
Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [42706](#) Updating the Urban Forestry Special Charge apportionment policy to address private medians and undeveloped platted parcels.
Matthew Nelson from the Wexford Village Homes Association registered in support and was available to answer questions.
Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- [42794](#) Proposal from Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild to close the Olin Park boat launch on the day of the Great Taste of the Midwest, Saturday, August 13, 2016, use boat launch parking lots for event staging, and increase the capacity of the event to 10,000.
Mark Garthwaite and Ralph Kuehn of Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild registered in support and were available to answer questions.
Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Approve.
Motion passed by the following vote.
Approve - Gnam, Lewis, Ragland, and Wallner
Oppose - Baldeh
- [42856](#) Request by The Super Run for the use of Brittingham Park on Saturday, August 13, 2016 for the Super Run.
Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to Adjourn at 9:55 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.