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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, July 9, 2025

6:30 PM

330 E. Lakeside St

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 9, 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; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams. Members Excused: Moira Harrington. Parks Staff Present: CJ Ryan; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Tracey Hartley; and Shane Martin. City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office and Ryan Stanjem, City Engineering.

2 [88921](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the June 11, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Glenn, to Approve the Minutes of the June 11, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting with the correction of the typo of the word "report" in the action of Item 13. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [88926](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

5 President of the Park Commission

President Miller Fienen thanked former president, Moira Harrington, for creating August park tours in lieu of a meeting as well as having small groups spend time with various Parks departments to see what they do. Will continue doing this as part of onboarding for new alders. Thanks to staff for making time to do this. July is National Parks and Recreation Month.

- 6 [88920](#) Park Commission President will make Recommendations of Park Commission Members to related organizations not represented by subcommittees
- Motion made by Field, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the recommended reappointment of Ben Williams to Madison Parks Foundation. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 7 **Superintendent of Parks**
- Interim Superintendent Lisa Laschinger gave the report. There is no section report this month, Planning and Development will present at the next meeting. Second 2025 Leadership Team retreat was held. The Operating Budget is due next Friday. Staff vacancy rate is lowest it's been for a long time. Fourth of July was safer than last year, no large concerns. Parks Alive is going well. There was an Art unveiling at last Parks Alive at Darbo-Worthington. Rennebohm sprayground is on scheduled to open this year, hopefully at the end of July. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held next month. Imagination Center construction is underway. The Reindahl shelter has been demolished. August 10th is Ride the Drive and volunteers are still needed.
- 8 [88944](#) July 2025 Superintendent's Report
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 9 [88938](#) Report of the May 21 and June 4, 2025 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee Minutes
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Probst, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- Miller Fienen thanked Laschinger for work on Park and Open Space Plan.
- 10 **NEW BUSINESS**
- 11 [88945](#) Approving request for volunteers to conduct ground penetrating radar at Hartmeyer-Roth Park. (District 12)
- Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview.
- Registered speaker Beth Sluys spoke in support and gave a presentation. Registered speaker Ritchie Brown spoke in support. Registrant David Bierman was in support.
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 12 [88832](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an agreement with the Madison LakeWay Partners, Inc. as the non-profit charitable partner to support the redevelopment of the Madison LakeWay and transfer \$25,000 from the Olin Trust Fund to the Parks Division's operating budget in order to make payment to the Partners. (District 4, District 6, District 13, and District 14)
- Jayme Powers of Madison LakeWay Partners introduced herself and gave some information about Madison LakeWay.**
- Ryan provided an overview of the agreement.**
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by Probst, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 13 [88846](#) Creating Subdivision 8.35(3)(f) of the Madison General Ordinances to allow for construction and change in the legal status of certain lands associated with the Madison LakeWay Project.
- Laschinger provided an overview.**
- Registered speaker Helen Kitchel spoke in opposition.**
Registered speaker Cindy McCallum spoke neither in support nor opposition and was available to answer questions.
- Laschinger clarified that the intent is not to circumvent the Ordinance, but to remove the requirement of a referendum.**
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 14 [88828](#) Approving Request by Run Madtown for an amplification permit to extend to 10:30 PM and to extend park hours for Let's Glow 5k event activities, to 11:00 PM, Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Warner Park.
- Registered speaker Beth Salinger of Run Madtown/Let's Glow spoke in support and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Field, to Approve the Request for August 16, 2025. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [88961](#) Approving Goodman Pool rule changes and affirming the authority of the Parks Superintendent to change general rules at the Goodman Pool as needed.
- Ryan discussed behavioral issues that have occurred this season.**
- Motion made by Field, seconded by Glenn, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 16 [88845](#) Approving the report on the implementation of the Policy on Private Art and Expressive Displays in Parks (Citywide)
- Ryan provided an overview of the report.**
- Motion made by Probst, seconded by Glenn, to Approve the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 17 [88915](#) Informational Presentation from City Engineering Regarding Potential Impact of a Warner Park and Cherokee Marsh Watershed Study Conceptual Solutions on Park Owned Land
- Ryan Stenjem of Engineering gave a presentation.**
- 18 **ADJOURNMENT**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Williams, to Adjourn at 8:21 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**