



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, July 15, 2015

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility  
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and David Wallner.

Members Excused: Ald. Samba Baldeh and Jeffrey Lewis.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Dean Kahl; and Ann Shea.

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Leopold requested "BMX" be added to the Minutes regarding the Central Park skatepark discussion. Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the June 10, 2015 Board of Park Commissioners meeting with change. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Leonard Cizewski spoke in opposition of the current City Parks policy which allows a Confederate Flag to be flown at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Registered Speaker Nicholas Karabis spoke in opposition of installing lights at the Warner Park basketball courts.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

Wallner attended Shake the Lake, Let's Eat Out, La Fete de Marquette, and Concert in the Breeze. Thanks to staff for all you do, events are well run and helps to make Madison a great city. Parks tour will be August 12th at 4 PM and starts and ends at Odana Golf Course with a potluck dinner to follow at Odana.

**Superintendent of Parks**

It's been a relatively mild summer so pool attendance has been lower than usual. Lake Access permits have been very successful. An Eastside Neighborhood Ride the Drive is being planned. EAB treatments are going well and we'll be going to an every three-year treatment cycle. Operation Fresh Start workers constructed a pedestrian bridge in the Cherokee Marsh Mendota Unit. Highland Manor Storm Shelter ribbon-cutting will be on August 7th at 11 AM and the ribbon-cutting for the Central Park Skatepark will be on September 10th at 11 AM.

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Superintendent's July 2015 Report

**Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

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Report of the November 19, 2014 Golf Subcommittee, the April 16, 2015 Long Range Planning Subcommittee, and the April 28 and May 19, 2015 Olbrich Botanical Society meetings.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**[39225](#)

Informational Presentation from the Ho-Chunk Nation regarding Conceptual Master Planning on Property adjacent to Yahara Hills

**Melissa Huggins from Urban Assets and Dan Brown from the Ho-Chunk Nation presented information on the planning process for the Ho-Chunk Nation property next to Yahara Hills.**

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

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Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Update

**Dean Kahl from West Forestry presented information on Forestry's efforts on Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation for street trees and also provided some data regarding park tree mitigation efforts.**

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Parks Facility Catering Permit Fees

**Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 8:32 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**