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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?*

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

6:30 PM

Via virtual meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Emily Gnam; Ald. Zachary Henak; Al Martin; Ald. Paul Skidmore; and Venus Washington.

Members Excused: Madelyn Leopold and Moira Harrington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Greg Genin; Joanne Austin; Roberta Sladky; Ann Freiwald; Theran Steindl; and Ann Shea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Washington, to Approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[61945](#)

Public Comment

Registered speaker Nicholas Christianson spoke about the Dog Wash.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President Gnam continues her work on subcommittee appointments and anticipates presenting an update at the October Board of Park Commissioners meeting. She attended the recent virtual meeting of the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee. Gnam supports the collaboration between Parks and the Clerk's Office to collect absentee ballots in parks.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Knepp reported that the Capital Budget was released. It contained reductions in the Park's budget, the majority of which were anticipated. Shelter reservations will be opened to events that meet Public Health orders. Knepp is hopeful that this policy will discourage large gatherings and help to prepare for a potential opening next spring. The

Integrated Pest Management Policy Review Task Force will likely meet this month. The Goodman Pool had a safe and successful season thanks to the hard work of many staff members.

[61943](#)

September 2020 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Parks Operations quarterly report.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Henak, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[61865](#)

Report of the July 21, 2020 Olbrich Botanical Society.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Washington, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 61944 and No. 12, Legislative File No. 61905. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[61944](#)

Request from Fellow Flowers for the use of Vilas Park for the Made to Move - Women's Race Series on June 12, 2021, 5 am - 3 pm.

Registrant Rickey Chernik was in support and available to answer questions. Registrant Nora Bird of Made to Move-Fellow Flowers was in support and available to answer questions.

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

[61905](#)

Authorizing the acceptance of ownership from Crawford-Marlborough-Nakoma Neighborhood Association of an informational kiosk located in Nakoma Park at 3800 Nakoma Road. (10th AD)

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Skidmore to RETURN TO LEAD WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[61869](#)

Request from GSAFE for the use of Penn Park for the GSAFE Trick or Trot Walk/Run on October 10, 2020 10 am - 2 pm for a packet pickup and October 11, 2020, 10 am - 6 pm for setup, run/walk, and clean up.

Registered speaker Brian Juchems of GSAFE spoke in support. Registrant Rickey Chernik was in support and available to answer questions.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Washington to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[61694](#)

Informational Presentation on future construction and related easements to improve existing MMSD sanitary through Indian Hills Park.

Registrant Eric Hjellen of Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District was in

support and available to answer questions.

Superintendent Eric Knepp and Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented an overview of the proposed improvements.

61866

Request from Friends of Lake Wingra and the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District to place temporary art installation at Vilas Park and Wingra Park

- Registrant Martin Griffin was in support.**
- Registrant Linnea Rock was in support.**
- Registrant Stephanie Ramer was in support.**
- Registrant Elizabeth Gokey was in support.**
- Registrant Corrine Burgermeister was in support.**
- Registrant Carol Troyer-Shank was in support.**
- Registrant Sally Lehner was in support.**
- Registrant Mike Pilarz was in support.**
- Registrant David Gevers was in support.**
- Registrant Sandra E Stark was in support.**
- Registrant Christal Campbell was in support.**
- Registrant Linda Merrill was in support.**
- Registrant John L Merrill was in support.**
- Registrant Karen H Ecklund was in support.**
- Registrant Deanna Letts was in support.**
- Registrant Marianne Ewig was in support.**

Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald introduced the request.

Registered speaker Allison Madison of WI Salt Wise presented the request and answered questions.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Skidmore to Approve with the condition that the installation is stable enough to reduce possible vandalism. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

61887

Request from Olbrich Botanical Gardens to temporarily increase admission fee and adjust revenue sharing for Bolz Conservatory in response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director Roberta Sladky presented the request.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Martin to Approve.

Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Martin to Amend the previous motion to include a January sunset clause to review, and to allow Olbrich staff to make any relevant decisions until that time.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

61885

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute the Second Amendment to the Use Agreement with the Northwoods League Inc. and the Madison Mallards LLC for nonexclusive use of Warner Park Stadium. (AD#12)

Registered speaker Alex Saloutos spoke in opposition and provided a handout.

Martin said that the discussion is about pre-COVID19 issues that will need to be further addressed.

Motion made by Martin, seconded by Skidmore, to Refer to the October 14, 2020 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[61936](#)

Accepting the final report and recommendations from the Task Force on Municipal Golf in Madison Parks.

Registrant Ann Waidelich of Historic Blooming Grove Historical Society-Dean House was in support.

Emily Gnam requested that staff work with the Golf Subcommittee to have them reconvene in the next 4-6 weeks for the purposes of discussing reactions to the report and the subcommittee's role in the future if the Enterprise is dissolved by Council. Staff are to report back at next BPC meeting.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Henak, seconded by Martin, to Adjourn at 8:23 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.