

**From:** Pamela Peters <mapelap@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 4, 2022 3:03 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Dogs in Parks - Portland Park & Kingston-Onyx Park

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Hello!

I recently received a postcard regarding the dog status of Portland Park. My vote/preference/request would be to **keep Portland Park in its current status as a “dog friendly” park.**

I also saw on the City of Madison Parks Division blog that Kingston-Onyx’s status is also up for review. Again, my preference/request would be for **Kingston-Onyx Park to be changed from dog-free to dog-friendly.**

*Reasons:*

I live in Rolling Meadows neighbourhood, which is a very dog-friendly neighborhood - indeed, this is one reason why I was attracted to this area! There are always people out walking their dogs, and being able to utilize the neighborhood parks is important. I currently do not have a dog, but can imagine that if/when I do, I would very much like to be able to be in/walk through these close-by parks (Portland and Kingston-Onyx) with my dog, or dogs I am walking with/for other neighbors and friends.

Having said that, I may not know the whole picture or reasons prompting a possible change to dog-free status. If more background information is available that would be helpful.

Also, in general, having dog-poop bags and receptacles available in all (dog-friendly) parks would be fantastic! This is extremely helpful and goes a long way to reducing the free-range poop issue of people not cleaning up after their pooches. Even the most responsible dog-walkers occasionally get caught out without an extra bag, and being able to dispose of it without having to carry it extra blocks back home (particularly those hot summer days) further encourages good poop-havior.

Thank you for your consideration and this feedback opportunity!

Cheers & Woofs,  
Pamela Peters

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From: william larsen <kc9awa@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 4:46 PM  
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Portland Park

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Dear Commissioners, Please make Portland Park a "Dog Free" park. Thank you, William Larsen 109 Belmont Rd. Madison Wi. 53714 608 242 5663

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**From:** Boo <boovandenbrook@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 6, 2022 8:05 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Portland Park

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My house is adjacent to Portland Park and I have a nice view of the whole park. From what I can tell, the park is lightly used, usually not more than a family picnic or 2 on 2 basketball. Dogs are infrequent and have seemed to be well behaved. I can't imagine what problem there is here that requires a solution. I will try to attend the meeting on Wednesday.  
Thank you,  
Jon VandenBrook

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**From:** Jeremiah Zielicke <miah-23@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 7, 2022 7:50 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Portland Park

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Hello BPC,

Unfortunately due to my work schedule I will not be able to attend the meeting about changing Portland Park to dog free.

I was rather surprised when I received the flier notifying me of the intended change. My house is one of the houses that borders the park, and I see more people walking in the park with their dogs than I ever see using the park in a different way, to include use of the basketball courts and playground. I think making Portland Park dog free would be a huge injustice to the members of this neighborhood that use the park.

I was also surprised that this idea was even brought up because I have never once witnessed someone with a dog having a conflict with someone else trying to enjoy the park. The people I see using the park with their dogs are good pet owners that follow the rules and clean up after their dogs.

Thank you,  
Jeremiah

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**From:** Elise Zielicke <ezielicke@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 7, 2022 7:54 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Portland Park - Dog Status

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To whom this may pertain:

I am a homeowner of a home that butts up to Portland Park. I have lived here since 2019 and one of the big selling points was the beautiful park our home is on. We have not had issues with dogs being in the park and enjoy watching our neighbors utilize the park with their dogs. Majority of the park use that we see is owners with dogs and many of those are of residents in the neighborhood. I have not yet seen any problem arise due to the park currently being dog friendly.

Removing the ability to let dogs in the park will be really disappointing not only for myself as a resident but for many in our neighborhood who we have spoken to.

Thank you for considering my comment,  
-Elise

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