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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

6:30 PM 1625 Northport Dr. # (Warner Park Community Recreation
Center)

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Avenue. President Barker called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Parks staff present: Superintendent Kevin Briski, Steve Doniger, Kevin Knepp, Kay Rutledge, LaVonne LaFave
City staff present: Joe Stepnik, Real Estate Agent, Planning Dept.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Madelyn D. Leopold; Joseph R. Clausius; Paul E. Skidmore; William W. Barker; David L. Wallner; Betty Chewning and Emanuel Scarbrough

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President of the Park Commission

President Barker opened the floor for nominations for President. A motion was made by Chewning/Scarbrough to nominate David Wallner as President. A motion was made by Leopold/Skidmore to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for David Wallner. MOTION CARRIED with Wallner abstaining.

Vice President of the Park Commission

Newly elected President Wallner opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. A motion was made by Chewning/Scarbrough to nominate Madelyn Leopold as Vice President. A motion was made by Clausius/Chewning to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Madelyn Leopold. MOTION CARRIED with Leopold abstaining.

President Wallner stated he was pleased to accept the presidency and noted the Commission has dealt with some tough issues this past year and that the Commission has grown and come together as a group. He thanked Bill Barker for the great work he has done as President of the Commission. He noted that when he moved to Madison he was struck by the beauty of the city and its wonderful parks and they decided to move here in part because of those features. The parks remain close to his heart and he hopes that the Commission can keep the park system strong and make it even better.

Appointments to Committees

President Wallner announced the appointments to the standing committees of

the Park Commission would be made in February. He asked members to let him know if they had a preference.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Skidmore/Chewning to approve the December 8, 2010 Minutes of the regular meeting of the Park Commission. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Scarborough noted that while he was not at the December meeting he wanted to comment on the proposed park at Bassett, Johnson and Dayton. He did not want it to detract from Central Parl. He was also concerned that if a family has worked hard and acquired the land to pass on to their children he would not feel good about taking their home away from them, however if the property was owned by a developer he would not feel bad.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker:

Lori Chadli Supports non-lethal long term geese management

Skidmore asked if this issue would be on a future agenda. Superintendent Briski reported he will provide Russ Hefty with the information that was distributed this evening. He is coordinating the effort for the public meetings. A request was made that information regarding geese be included in the Superintendent's Report.

V. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Commission for any item on the agenda.

VI. REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Olbrich Botanical Society

A motion was made by Clausius/Leopold to accept the Minutes of the November 16, 2010 meeting of the Olbrich Botanical Society. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARK COMMISSION

President Wallner suggested that members attend the upcoming committee/commission staff training.

There will be a meeting tomorrow night in Room 108 (Parks Conference Rom), City County Building at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the RFP regarding the properties

in James Madison Park.

He suggested that Commissioners highlight items in the Minutes of the various committees on which they serve.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

Written Report

A motion was made by Skidmore/Leopold to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Informational Items

Superintendent Briski stated that the Madison Parks Newsletter will be distributed electronically in the next week or so. The January employee of the month has not yet been finalized and the name will be announced next month. He also confirmed the report from the newspaper that the Wall family made a donation of \$250,000 toward the Tenney Park pavilion and the naming resolution will be brought before the Park Commission for approval in February.

There will be Committee staff training on February 4, 2011. Any commissioner interested in attending should RSVP to Lisa Olmsted in the Mayor's office.

During the winter school break we launched a Kids for Koats campaign. Staff noticed that what was missing in the general Kids for Coats campaign was outdoor winter play clothes. Parks teamed up with Community Action Coalition to create a new Kids for Koats campaign that was launched over the Christmas Break with an emphasis to get out and play in the winter. The response was overwhelming. Citizens dropped off 122 sweaters, 215 kids coats, 192 adult coats, 110 pairs of boots, 60 pairs of snow pants, 90 scarves, 350 hats, and 200 pairs of gloves.

Scarborough stated he saw people skating at Tenney Park who were really having fun and noted that some people can't afford to buy skates and wondered if Parks could do something similar and ask for old skates, sleds, toboggans, etc. It would provide an opportunity to those families who couldn't afford that equipment. Superintendent Briski indicated that Parks had thought of that as well and is working on drop off stations and subsequent distribution of the items. Old skates could either be dropped off at the warming houses or people could contact the Superintendent directly.

An e-mail was sent to Commissioners asking for their comments to the survey that was attached that will be used as part of the planning process for the Park and Open Space Plan. The first planning meeting will be January 25, 2011 at the Central Library.

Neighbors have created a friends group for Olin Turville Park. Russ Hefty attended as the Parks representative and Bill Barker also attended their first meeting. Another meeting has not yet been scheduled but Commissioners will be provided notice when a meeting date has been set.

Superintendent Briski shared the results of the city's annual satisfaction survey. Parks rose by 12 percentage points. The complete document can be found on the city's website.

Former President Barker reported he walked Turville Woods with Russ and the restoration work is looking very nice. More than 78 black locust trees have been removed and the woodland has been transformed. Hefty and his crew have done a fantastic job.

In response to the letter from Wild Warner, it was noted that a formal committee has not yet been appointed to address the geese issue. Staff is still gathering input through public meetings and more are being scheduled to gather input from a diverse cross section across the community. Parks is taking the time to have good solid public input and will be putting a group together that will also include individuals involved in science and conservation. Wild Warner has been represented at the public meetings.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. [20967](#) Request of Vern Stenman President of Madison Mallards for fireworks and other promotions for the 2011 Mallards Baseball Season

Registered Speaker:

| NAME | SUPPORT | OPPOSE |
|--|---------|--------|
| Vern Stenman – available for questions | | XX |

Superintendent Briski noted that the Parks Division recommends approval of the requests. Parks did not receive any complaints from individuals or groups that had been previously concerned about noise. The new sound system has made a difference and it is a credit to the Mallards who paid for it. Stenman added that the list of promotions are concepts and when details have been finalized they will be presented to the Superintendent for his approval pursuant to their contract with the city. The promotions are presented for information this evening.

A motion was made Skidmore/Barker to approve the request of Vern Stenman President of Madison Mallards for fireworks and other promotions for the 2011 Mallards Baseball Season. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- B. [20968](#) Proposed Cemetery Fees for 2011

A motion was made by Chewning/Leopold to approve the proposed Cemetery Fees for 2011. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- C. [20745](#) Authorizing an Addendum to the Annexation / Attachment Agreement between the City of Madison and Cherokee Park Development, Inc.

This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES., due back on 1/10/2011.

A motion was made by Skidmore/Barker to approve Resolution ID#20745 Resolution ID#20745 authorizing an Addendum to the Annexation / Attachment Agreement between the City of Madison and Cherokee Park Development, Inc. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- D. [20922](#) To authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a one year contract with four optional one-year renewal extensions on behalf of the City with Country Plumber, Inc. for portable toilet rental and servicing. (Various ADs)

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A motion was made by Skidmore/Leopold to approve Resolution ID#20922 to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a one year contract with four optional one-year renewal extensions on behalf of the City with Country Plumber, Inc. for portable toilet rental and servicing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

[20923](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a property management agreement with Broihahn Management Consulting, LLC for properties located at 640 & 646 East Gorham Street and for 1917 Lake Point Drive.

This Resolution was Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES., due back on 1/10/2011.

This resolution is needed because the management company that had been handling these properties is no longer in business.

A motion was made by Skidmore/Barker to approve Resolution ID#20923 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a property management agreement with Broihahn Management Consulting, LLC for properties located at 640 & 646 East Gorham Street and for 1917 Lake Point Drive. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Clausius/Leopold the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.