



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr.

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center at 1625 Northport Drive. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members present: William W. Barker, Ald. Joseph R. Clausius, Ald. Mark Clear, Madelyn Leopold, Nancy Ragland, Emaneul Scarbrough and David Wallner.

Park Staff Present: Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, Charlie Romines, and Ray Shane
City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2012 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals made at the meeting.

V REPORTS

A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner reported that he had been in discussions with citizens interested in the changes to the Golf program.

B Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski presented the November 2012 Written Report of Activities.

1 November 2012 Written Report of Supervisor's Activities

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to accept the written report of Supervisor's Activities. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A** Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with the Madison Community Foundation to hire on a sole source basis Operation Fresh Start's Youth Conservation Crew to complete restoration projects within Cherokee Marsh, Edna Taylor, Turville Point, and Prairie Ridge and amending the Park Division's 2013 Operating Budget. (AD's 18, 16, 13, and 7).

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B** SUBSTITUTE - Authorizing the execution of an Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Madison and the Madison Audubon Society, Inc. for the purchase of a 9.48-acre improved residential parcel located at 7960 Raymond Road for the expansion of the Ice Age Junction Path, potential future extension of Jeffy Trail to Raymond Road, related infrastructure improvements, public open space, and potential residential development; and authorizing an application for an amendment to the Central Urban Service Area; and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a petition to annex the subject lands; and authorizing the dedication of right of way for Raymond Road.

Superintendent Briski provided a general overview of the land aquisition plans and thanked Engineering for their work on funding this project.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Scarbrough, Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- C** To authorize the Streets Division of the City of Madison to apply for and accept a 100% matching fund grant of \$25,000 from the Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant Program to rent a portable sawmill and develop an urban wood utilization program . (Various ADs)

Superintendent Briski provided an overview of the grant program and how it will be managed. Briski indicated that this program will be primarily run by the Streets Division.

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- D** Unapproved Plantings in Public Terraces

Superintendent Briski presented an informational item on the current situation related to fruit trees in the Terrace on the Southwest side in the Meadowood neighborhood. Superintendent Briski discussed the efforts the City has made to ensure that the trees could be transplanted at the City's expense to Meadowood Park. Madison Fruits and Nuts had indicated support for this proposal. Another group, the Madison Permaculture Guild, circulated a petition to allow the trees to remain in the terrace. Superintendent Briski also provided updated information related to the appropriate appeals process

related to appeals on tree removal notices for terrace trees. He indicated that there is no appeal process to the Park Commission for terrace tree issues.

E 2013 Golf Clubhouse Operations

Assistant Superintendent Eric Knepp; Park Operations Manager Charlie Romines and Golf Program Supervisor Ray Shane presented the 2013 Clubhouse Operations Plan to the Commission.

There were 23 registrants. One registered as neutral, Tryge Ekern. Twenty-two registered in opposition to the Staff plan: Amy Scarr, Kermit Mosley, Jim McCambridge, Dale Miller for DMA Tax/Accounting, Mike Luttig, Linda Bellman, Donal O'Hare, Donald Knapp, John Boles, Bill Scheer, Jan Shade for Yahara Hills Golf Association, Chris Meyer for Madison City Golf Tournaments, Tom Gray, Dorothy Borchardt, Tom Martin, Greg Barker, Bill Neitzel, Pat Roisum, Bill Bach, Ken Russell, Richard Hindman, and Scott Kerr.

A motion was made by Scarbrough to Reject the proposed budget and call for a one year moratorium on the pros contract. Motion failed for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Accept the Report. Motion passed 5 Ayes (Barker, Clausius, Clear, Ragland, and Wallner); 2 Nos (Scarbrough, Leopold).

F Owl Creek Land Acquisition

Superintendent Briski provided information on the potential land acquisition to add to the Owl's Creek park. Superintendent Briski indicated that this item is currently informational and to inform the Commission on the current plans. If the City can secure an accepted offer, the authorization for the purchase will come back to the Park Commission.

VII ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Clear to Adjourn at 9:55 pm. Motion passed by voice vote/other.