



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, March 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Virtual

1 Call to Order/Roll Call

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. President Miller Fienen called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Bethany Alwa; Ald. Derek Field; Ald. Carmella Glenn; Moira Harrington; Patrick Hasburgh; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Joanne Austin; Ann Shea; Dave Vetovec; and Andrea Romines.
City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

2 [92170](#) Approving the Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Field, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [92175](#) Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 Disclosures and Recusals

None.

Reports

5 President of the Park Commission

President Miller Fienen welcomed two new commissioners, Bethany Alwa and Patrick Hasburgh. Commissioners Alwa and Hasburgh introduced themselves and spoke of their interests in the park system. Commissioner Moira Harrington will be stepping down from the Park Commission in April. We will be in need of another commissioner. This is the largest number of new commissioners to be appointed at one time. Miller Fienen also mentioned that one or both alders will likely be appointed to other committees following Spring elections.

- 6 [92251](#) Approving Park Commission President Member Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners (All Districts)
- Bethany Alwa is being recommended for confirmation to Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee and Patrick Hasburgh to Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee.**
- Olbrich Botanical Society will be in need of a commissioner as Harrington is moving on.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Field, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULE 2.055. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 7 **Superintendent of Parks**
- 8 [92182](#) March 2026 Superintendent's Report
- Public Information Officer Ann Shea gave the Public Information Office section report and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 9 [92154](#) Accepting the Report of the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee meeting.
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Field, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 10 **New Business**
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Hasburgh, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 92099; No. 12, Legislative File No. 92148; and File No. 14, Legislative File No. 92258. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 11 [92099](#) Commemorating the 56th Anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2026, to proclaim April 25, 2026, as Earth Day Challenge Day, and to endorse and encourage citizen participation in the clean-up events at City of Madison Parks.
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Hasburgh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 12 [92148](#) Board of Park Commissioners Proclaiming April 26, 2026 as World Migratory Bird Day
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Hasburgh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 13 [92109](#) Board of Park Commissioners granting access to Madison Gas and Electric Company to install and maintain an Underground Electric Easement across a portion of Glen Oak Hills Park, located at 301 Glen Highway
- Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided an overview of the request and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 14 [92258](#) Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff
- Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Hasburgh, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 15 [92105](#) Approving Letter of Agreement for the Installation of Private Art at Warner Park ballpark.
- Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan provided an overview of the request and was available to answer questions.**
- Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards presented details regarding the request and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Hasburgh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 16 [92240](#) Informational Update on an Overnight Event Hosted by the Madison Mallards at Warner Park Ballpark (District 12)
- Ryan provided an overview of the request that has been administratively approved by Knepp and was available to answer questions.**
- 17 [92019](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Parking Lot and Driveway Use Agreement with the Steve Stricker American Family Insurance Foundation for the use of the parking lots in Cherokee Marsh Conservation Park-North Unit during the American Family Insurance Championship in 2026 and 2027. (District 18)
- Registered speaker Nicholas Davies spoke in opposition.**
Registered speaker Marsha Cannon spoke neither in support nor opposition.
Registered speaker Katie Johnson was in support and available to answer questions.
Registered speaker Shelby Nelson was in support and available to answer questions.
Registered speaker Kalyn Stoik was in opposition and available to answer questions.
Registrant Andrew Chalfoun was in opposition.
Registrant Sylvie Schuresko was in opposition.
Registrant Alayna Bransky was in opposition.
Registrant Amy Wiberley-Bradford was in opposition.
- CJ Ryan provided an explanation of the use agreement and indicated that staff will report back to the Commission following the event.**

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Harrington, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 18 [92216](#) Board of Park Commissioners Affirming the Acquisition of Parkland Located at 514 Pinney Street for the future Royster Park.

Laschinger provided an overview.

Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 19 [92186](#) Informational Report by Big Top Events Regarding the 2026 Fan Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan at Breese Stevens Field.

Ryan introduced the item.

Tristan Straub of Big Top Events answered questions about the informational reports by Big Top Events for Breese Stevens Field.

Knepp and Ryan also answered questions.

- 20 [92254](#) Approving Updated Board of Park Commissioners Rules of Procedure and Basic Policies (Citywide)

Laschinger discussed the updated Park Commission Rules of Procedure and Basic Policies and requested suggested edits from Commissioners to be shared at an upcoming meeting.

Alder Field left at 8:25 PM.

Members Present: 6 – Ald. Carmella Glenn; Moira Harrington; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; Michelle Probst; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: 1 - Ald. Derek Field.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Williams, to Refer to the May 13th meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 21 [92169](#) Approving Updated Golf Program Mission, Vision and Values Statements for the City of Madison Parks Division

Golf Director Dave Vetrovec gave an overview of the update and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Glenn, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

22 [92241](#)

Informational Presentation From Staff Regarding Potential Improvements at Odana Hills Golf Course and Park (District 11).

Knepp introduced the item and was available to answer questions.

Laschinger gave a presentation and was available to answer questions.

Registered speaker Kristin Cooper was neither in support nor opposition and was no longer available to speak. Her written comments have been attached to the file.

Registered speaker Tom Culp, President of Gisholt Retirees Golf League, spoke in support.

Registered speaker Brian Standing of WORT 89.9 FM spoke neither in support nor opposition.

Registered speaker Lucas Franklin spoke in support.

23 **Adjournment**

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Hasburgh, to Adjourn at 9:29 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.