

## Meeting Minutes - Draft 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?*

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Wednesday, March 9, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Yanette Figueroa-Cole; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Members Excused:** Moira Harrington and Ald. Syed Abbas.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Christopher Peguero; Joanne Austin; Greg Genin; Ann Shea; Tanya Zastrow; and Kelly Post.

**City Staff Present:** Lance Vest, Office of Real Estate.

[69919](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by the following vote:**

**Approve (3) - Ald. Yannette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; and Madelyn Leopold**

**Abstain (1) - Chandra Miller Fienen**

[69922](#)

Public Comment

Registered speaker Joan E Laurion spoke regarding dogs in Glenway Golf Park.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

**REPORTS****President of the Park Commission**

President Emily Gnam attended the informational Pollinator Garden presentation at Odana Hills Golf Course and expressed her appreciation for staff work on this.

**70210**

Park Commission President Member and Resident Appointments to the Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners.

**A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF MGO 2.055 - MISC. ITEMS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Eric Knepp announced that the WPCRC Director Terrence Thompson has been hired as the new Community Services Manager. Assistant Superintendent Christopher Peguero has resigned and spoke about his experience with Parks. Permanent staff hiring is underway. It has been challenging to fill seasonal staff positions so we anticipate service reductions in some areas this year.

**70285**

March 2022 Superintendent's Report

Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Quarterly Report.

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**70301**

Approval of the Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; February 24, 2022 Golf Subcommittee; and January 18, 2022 Olbrich Botanical Society Meeting.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Minutes of the Subcommittees except Facilities, Programs and Fees, which are to be referred to the next meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ald. Syed Abbas arrived at 7:17 PM

**Members Present: 5 – Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa-Cole; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.**

**Members Excused: 1 - Moira Harrington**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 17, Legislative File No. 69819; No. 18, Legislative File No. 70286; No. 19, Legislative File No. 70370; No. 21, Legislative File No. 70226; No. 23, Legislative File No. 69991; and No. 24, Legislative File No. 70298. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[70358](#) Big Top Events Informational Reports Regarding the 2022 Breese Stevens Field Fan Access Plan, Annual Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan.

**Registered speaker Vern Stenman of Big Top Events spoke in support and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Accept the Report.**

[70349](#) Request from Big Top Events for Festival Foods Lights the Isthmus Pyrotechnic Display at Breese Stevens Field on July 2, 2022

**Registered speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards provided an overview of the request and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[70359](#) Request by Vern Stenman, Big Top Promotions, for capital improvements at Breese Stevens Field

**Registered speaker of Big Top Events provided an overview of the request and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve the Request.**

[70343](#) Madison Mallards Informational Reports Regarding the 2022 Fan Access Plan, Neighborhood Impact Plan, and Responsible Alcohol Consumption Action Plan at Warner Park

**Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards presented the reports and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Accept the Report.**

[70342](#) Request by Vern Stenman, Madison Mallards, for fireworks and other promotions for the 2022 Mallards Baseball season, at Warner Park

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to amend the item to strike requested dates before June 24, 2022 and approve 3 additional dates later in the summer to allow fireworks with consultation and approval by Parks Superintendent with the expressed purpose to not interfere with the eagle nest in Warner Park.**

[70357](#) The Biergarten at Olbrich Park Annual Update

**Registered speaker Mike Bare of BKM Group, LLC provided an overview of the report, registered in support, and was available to answer questions.**

[69819](#) Authorizing the City's acceptance of ownership from the Wisconsin Cooperative Housing Association of a "Little Free Seed Library" located in Owen Park at 6021 Old Sauk Road. (19th AD)

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

- [70286](#) Board of Park Commissioners World Migratory Bird Day 2022 Proclamation
- Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Proclamation.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [70370](#) Board of Park Commissioners Earth Day 2022 Proclamation
- Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Proclamation.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [70109](#) Authorizing the execution of a Lease with Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, for premises at McPike Park located at 1130 E. Wilson Street. (6th AD)
- Knepp introduce the item and responded to a written comment.**
- Lance Vest of the Office of Real Estate spoke and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [70226](#) Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with The Madison Sailing Center for use of the sailboat storage area at Warner Park and to conduct rental, instructional and concession activities for the years of 2022-2026.
- Registrant Robert Krebs was in support and available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.**
- [69413](#) Glenway Golf Park Programming Plan
- Assistant Superintendent Laschinger provided an overview of the plan and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [69991](#) Request from Olbrich Botanical Gardens to Permanently Increase Bolz Conservatory Fees
- Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [70298](#) Request from Olbrich Botanical Gardens for various hour changes for the spring/summer season, maintenance closures, and events.
- Olbrich Botanical Gardens Directory Tanya Zastrow discussed the request for changes.**
- Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the Request to change April 4th - 8th dates to May 16th - 19th or May 24 and 25 if needed. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[69974](#)

SUBSTITUTE - Permanently Amending the Authority of the Park Superintendent and the Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee to Approve Certain Park Event Permits

Laschinger explained the Substitute to permanently amend the policy.

Interim Community Events Coordinator Kelly Post presented the new criteria.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Abbas, to Adjourn at 9:08 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.