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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?*

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

6:30 PM

330 E. Lakeside St.

1 Call to Order/Roll Call

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. President Miller Fienen called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Derek Field; Ald. Carmella Glenn; Catie McDonald; Chandra Miller Fienen; and Ben Williams.

Members Excused: Moira Harrington and Michelle Probst.

Parks Staff Present: Lisa Laschinger; CJ Ryan; Nicole Miller; Jen Stoiber; Terrence Thompson; and John Weichelt.

City Staff Present: Ryan Stenjem, City Engineering; and Karin Wolf, City Planning.

2 [90134](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the September 10, 2025 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

Motion made by Glenn, seconded by Field, to Approve with the clarification that the item appointing Peter Schramm to the Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee came to today's Park Commission meeting and will go for final confirmation to the October 28th Common Council meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [90133](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

4 Disclosures and Recusals

None.

Reports**5 President of the Park Commission**

President Miller Fienen did not give a report.

6 [89988](#)

Approving Park Commission President Resident Appointments to the Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

Miller Fienen welcomed Peter Schramm to the Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee. Peter has worked with the Parks Division and MUFA in the past.

Motion made by Williams, seconded by Glenn, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULE 2.055. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

7 Superintendent of Parks

Interim Parks Superintendent Lisa Laschinger provided the Superintendent's report. Fall is here and we're shifting gears to winter operations preparation. The new Door Creek shelter will have an ice rink. Received a grant for redesigning Warner softball fields. Thai Festival at Olbrich Gardens was a great day of cultural enrichment. Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp is helping Madison Metro through budget season and will return to Parks 12/1/25.

8 [90128](#)

October 2025 Superintendent's Report

Community Services Manager Terrence Thompson provided the Community Services report and answered questions.

Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

9 [90135](#)

Report of the Minutes of the September 15, 2025 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee.

The Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee was thanked for all of their hard work.

Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Field, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

10 New Business

Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 11, Legislative File No. 88376; No. 12, Legislative File No. 90191; and No. 13, Legislative File No. 90115. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

11* [88376](#)

Approving Golf Guidelines and Standards

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

- 12* [90191](#) Recommending Approval on Amendments to Friends Group Rules and Guidelines

 Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 13* [90115](#) Review of Events Administratively Approved by Staff

 Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 14 [90261](#) Approving the Public Art Concepts for the Warner Park Community and Recreation Center Expansion Project (District 12)

 Madison Arts Program Administrator Karin Wolf of City Planning Division introduced artist and presenter Faisal Abdu'Allah. Abdu'Allah described the process of getting input, shared concepts, and answered questions.

 Motion made by Glenn, seconded by McDonald, to Approve the Concepts. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 15 [90260](#) Informational Update from the Madison Parks Foundation

 Ty Beck of the Madison Parks Foundation gave an update and answered questions.
- 16 [90273](#) Accepting the Final Report and Recommended Solutions of the Near West Watershed Study

 Ryan Stenjem of Engineering presented an overview, explained impacts to parkland, and answered questions.

 Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Field, to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 17 [90113](#) Informational Presentation of The Parks Division's 2026 Executive Operating Budget

 Finance Manager Jen Stoiber provided an overview and was available to answer questions.

- 18 [89967](#) 2026 Proposed WPCRC Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to take Agenda Items 18 through 27 together. Motion passed by voice vote/other
- Assistant Superintendent CJ Ryan presented an overview of all of the fees, answered questions, and took suggestions for format for next year's proposed fees.
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 19 [89919](#) 2026 Proposed Forest Hill Cemetery Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 20 [89964](#) 2026 Proposed Athletic Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 21 [89965](#) 2026 Proposed Shelter Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 22 [89966](#) 2026 Proposed Park Division Fees - Mooring; Watercraft Storage; Violation Ranges; Disc Golf, Dog Park, Lake Access, and Cross Country Ski Permits
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 23 [89968](#) 2026 Proposed Aquatics Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 24 [89969](#) 2026 Proposed Recreation Services Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 25 [90016](#) 2026 Proposed Special Event Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 26 [89980](#) 2026-2027 Proposed Olbrich Gardens Fee Changes
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 27 [89922](#) 2026 Proposed Golf Fees
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Proposed Fees. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 28 [90125](#) Informational Presentation from Staff on Madison Parks Qualified Discount Program
- Park and Street Use Supervisor Kelly Post provided an overview and answered questions regarding the pilot program. The goal is to have the Board of Park Commissioners approve the program in January 2026.**
- 29 [89620](#) Adopting the 2025-2030 Park and Open Space Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan. (Citywide)
- Laschinger provided an update and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Glenn, seconded by McDonald, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 30 [90197](#) Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, accept a grant of up to \$450,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for park improvements and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to accept the grant award; and amending the Parks Division 2025 Adopted Capital Budget. (District 12)
- Ryan gave an overview and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 31 [90204](#) Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, accept grant of up to \$450,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for park improvements and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to accept grant award; and amending the Parks Division 2025 Adopted Capital Budget. (District 15)
- Ryan gave an overview and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Field, seconded by Williams, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 32 [90199](#) Authorizing Madison Public Library to submit, and if awarded, accept grant of up to \$2,000,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for Imagination Center at Reindahl Park construction and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to accept grant award. (District 12)
- Ryan provided an overview and was available to answer questions.**
- Alder Carmella Glenn asked to be added as a Sponsor.**
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 33 [90270](#) Authorizing the Parks Division to submit, and if awarded, accept grant of up to \$1,000,000 from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for park improvements and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract with State of Wisconsin Department of Administration to accept grant award. (District 15)
- Laschinger provided an overview and answered questions.**
- Motion made by Williams, seconded by McDonald, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 34 [90274](#) Approving Proposed 2026 Board of Park Commissioners meeting Schedule and Format
- Motion made by McDonald, seconded by Glenn, to Approve the proposed dates and hold them virtually except January 14th, May 13th, and October 14th, which are to be held in person at the Parks Lakeside Offices at 330 E Lakeside St. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- 35 **Adjournment**
- Motion made Glenn, seconded by McDonald, to Adjourn at 8:45 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**