



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft HABITAT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE (Parks)

*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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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

4:30 PM

Virtual

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### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee was held virtually at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Chair Gere called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.  
Members Present: Tim Astfalk, Sean Gere; Kelly Kearns; Michelle Probst; and Brock Woods.  
Parks Staff Present: Molly Berkholz; Chad Hughes; and Nataliya Akulenko.

### 2 [88033](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting

Motion made by Woods, seconded by Kearns, to Approve the Minutes of February 11, 2024 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### 3 [88034](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for public comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### 4 [88244](#)

Approving Request from WI Clearwater Collective to Install Biohaven Floating Island in Tenney Lagoon as a Pilot Study to Improve Water Quality beginning in June 2025 through October 2025. (District 6)

Elliott Gilfillan of WI Clearwater Collective presented the project and answered questions.

Motion made by Woods, seconded by Probst, to REFER TO May 14, 2025 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 5      [88246](#)      Approving request from Strand Associates to remove vegetation from drainage swale in Bowman Field adjacent to Strand property and renovate the area to increase drainage and establish native plantings. (District 14)

**Ryan Ruff of Strand Associates spoke on the proposed project and answered questions.**

**Motion made by Astfalk, seconded by Kearns, to REFER TO May 14, 2025 BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL contingent on additional discussion with the adjacent school's staff on appropriate use of the area, and a meeting with Madison Parks staff to identify trees that can be saved. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- 6      [88210](#)      Informational overview of Habitat Management Plan for Heritage Prairie Conservation Park

**Madison Parks Conservation technician Molly Berkholtz presented the plan and answered questions.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Woods, seconded by Astfalk, to Adjourn at 6:04 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other**