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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center
1625 Northport Dr., Madison, WI 53704

I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Drive. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.
Members Present: Ald. Mark Clear; Ald. Joseph Clausius; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Jeffrey Lewis; and David Wallner.
Members Absent: Nancy Ragland
Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Joanne Austin; Dawn Grosdidier; Roberta Sladky
City Staff: Heather Allen, Council Office; Mark Woulf, Mayor's Office

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Gnam, seconded by Clausius, to Approve the Minutes of the August 6, 2014 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

V REPORTS

A President of the Park Commission

President Wallner indicated the Garver RFP committee just had its third meeting and approved the criteria of the RFP. He had met with Roberta Sladky and Dick Wagner to discuss their concerns. They will be meeting again in January 2015. He did a dog park tour on the northside of Madison with Ald. Weier, who is interested in getting an off-leash dog park in that area. The splash park at Reindahl opened and it was very successful.

- 1 [35525](#) Park Commission President Board Member and Citizen Appointments to Subcommittees of the Board of Park Commissioners

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO CONFIRM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B Superintendent of Parks

Eric Knepp said it's an honor to be working with the Board of Park Commissioners and indicated the Parks Division is an impressive system. He believes it's a privilege to be associated with and working with such great people in the City of Madison. He looks forward to engaging with staff and citizens to make Parks even better than it already is. The capital budget is out and the operating budget will be out soon. The capital budget is close to what was requested. The Parks budget fund fully supports continued efforts toward the EAB mitigation plan. There is approximately \$1.4 million in the budget for 2014 and \$2.4 to \$2.5 million per year for 2015 and 2016. The final budget will be approved November 12, 2014. President Wallner inquired about an article in the Wisconsin State Journal regarding noise concerns. Knepp indicated the Street Use Staff Commission will discuss further to enforce acceptable standards in the future, as our population is growing, more residents live near locations of events and there are more events scheduled each year.

- 1 [35490](#) Written Report of Supervisor's September 2014 Activities

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

At this time, a consent agenda will be moved with the recommended action listed for each item EXCEPT:

- 1) items which have registrants wishing to speak.
- 2) items which require an extraordinary (roll call) vote and are not included on the consent agenda by unanimous consent.
- 3) items which Board Members have separated out for discussion/debate purposes.

VI NEW BUSINESS

- A [35082](#) Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Line Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Henry Vilas Zoo, located at 702 South Randall Avenue.

Sponsors: Lucas Dailey

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- B** [34817](#) Authorizing the execution of Permanent Limited Easements for private sanitary sewer purposes serving the properties located at 5312 and 5316 Lake Mendota Drive across a City of Madison Parks Parcel located at 5218 Lake Mendota Drive, Parcel No. 251-0709-184-0315-9.
- Sponsors:** Mark Clear
- A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- C** [34860](#) Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Reindahl Park, located at 1818 Portage Road.
- Sponsors:** Joseph R. Clausius
- A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- D** [35011](#) Directing the Madison Food Policy Council to convene, develop, and provide implementation direction to city departments for strategies to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators.
- Sponsors:** Paul R. Soglin, Marsha A. Rummel, Ledell Zellers, Shiva Bidar-Sielaff and Matthew J. Phair
- A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- E** [35506](#) Request from Madison Unicyclists for the use of Tenney Park on Saturday, August 1, 2015 for the North American Unicycling Convention and Competition.
- Registered Speakers in Support: Ann O'Brien, David Panofsky, Patricia Wilton**
- The Board of Park Commissioners removed the condition which indicated the sponsor would not set up activities in the tennis court.**
- A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to Approve. Motion passed 4 Ayes (Clausius, Clear, Gnam, Wallner): 1 No (Leopold): 1 Abstain (Lewis)**
- F** [35027](#) Accepting the Report of the Common Council Alternative Revenue Work Group's recommending the creation of an urban forestry special charge.
- Sponsors:** Mark Clear, Steve King, Larry Palm and Joseph R. Clausius
- Registered Speaker Phil Salkin spoke on behalf of RASOW in Opposition.**
- A Motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AND RETURN TO LEAD WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed 5 Ayes (Clausius, Clear, Gnam,**

Wallner, Leopold): 1 No (Lewis)

G [35038](#) Creating Section 4.095 of the Madison General Ordinances to establish an Urban Forestry Special Charge.

Sponsors: Mark Clear, Larry Palm, Steve King and Joseph R. Clausius

Registered Speaker Phil Salkin spoke on behalf of RASOW in Opposition.

A Motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, TO RETURN TO LEAD WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed 5 Ayes (Clausius, Clear, Gnam, Wallner, Leopold): 1 No (Lewis)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Adjourn at 8:32 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.