



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, March 12, 2014

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens  
3300 Atwood Ave

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### I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Joseph Clausius; Ald. Mark Clear; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Emanuel Scarbrough; and David Wallner.

Parks Staff Present: Kevin Briski; Eric Knepp.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Dan Rolfs, Real Estate; George Dreckmann, Streets.

### II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Clausius, seconded by Clear to approve the minutes of the February 12, 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 attended a meeting with Parks staff regarding the installation of artificial turf at Breese Stevens. He also attended the neighborhood meet and greet for Jacob Tissue, the new WPCRC Director.

#### B Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski discussed the seasonal transition from winter to spring operations throughout the system. This includes de-winterizing the shelters, removing hockey boards and preparing for the end of ski, sled and skate season. The longer than normal winter created a very small gap between the winter and spring seasons for this transition. Commissioner Scarbrough asked about the growth in revenue from the Yahara ski area being included. Superintendent Briski indicated that staff is evaluating the growth in revenue

based on days of operation, but it is clear that revenue and use were up across the system throughout the winter. President Wallner asked about the EAB response and what the yellow dots on trees mean. Superintendent Briski indicated that the process for removals will follow the EAB plan that includes preemptive removal of small, diseased, unhealthy, and/or trees under power lines. Superintendent Briski indicated that Forestry is responsible for replanting trees and the plan calls for expeditious replanting.

1      [33308](#)      Written Report of Supervisor's March 2014 Activities

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

**VI      NEW BUSINESS**

A      [33251](#)      Proclaiming the week of April 20th through April 26th, 2014 as Arbor Week in the City of Madison.

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

B      [33252](#)      To commemorate the 44th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd and, to proclaim April 19th to April 26th as Earth Day Challenge Days and endorsing and encouraging citizen participation in the clean-up events at City of Madison Parks. (All ADs)

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

C      [33321](#)      Approving a request from Children's Voice, Inc. for the use of Olbrich Park on Sunday, September 14, 2014 for a Madison Garden Marathon, 4 mile Run/Walk.

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

D      [33318](#)      Approving the request from Jason Koneczny for the use of Elver Park on Sunday, September 21, 2014 for the Trample the Trails races.

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

E      [33316](#)      Approving a request from Northside Planning Council for the use of Warner Park on July 5, 2014 for an Independence Day celebration.

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

- F      [33317](#)      Approving a request from the Greater Madison Convention and Visitors Bureau for the use of the Warner Park parking lot on Saturday, July 5, 2014 for the Wing Ding 36 Grand Parade.
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Approve the Request with conditions. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- G      [33260](#)      Approving the Negotiated Agreement Relating to the Second Rodefild Landfill Expansion, the Sale and Lease of City Owned Land to Dane County, and the Execution of a Landfill Expansion and Solid Waste Agreement with Dane County.
- Superintendent Briski presented the land sale item to the Board. He discussed how existing users would be handled, including the fact that MARCS would be allowed to stay on the County land for at least this season. Commissioner Ragland asked about leachate and how it was managed. George Dreckmann indicated that the leachate is managed by Dane County through extracting the leachate and sending it to the Madison Metropolitan Sewage District. Dreckmann indicated that the DNR regulates all aspects of the landfill operation and that Dane County is well respected in managing the landfill in an environmentally conscious manner.**
- A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Clear, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- H      [33315](#)      Proposed Amendments to the Use Agreement for Brittingham Boats
- Registered Speaker in Support: Tyler Leeper of Brittingham Boats.**
- Assistant Superintendent Knepp presented the planned changes for 2014 for the operation of Brittingham Boats at Brittingham and Olin Parks. Knepp indicated that there was significant positive input received from the public on the operation of Brittingham Boats in 2013. The changes being proposed include adding the ability to offer small powered watercraft rentals at Brittingham and Olin Park based on the operational plan to be approved by Parks. Additionally, Brittingham Boats would become responsible for the watercraft storage program at Brittingham Park. This is consistent with the operation of the watercraft storage program at Wingra Park. Knepp indicated that with the Park Commission's support of the use changes would allow staff to negotiate an amendment to the agreement and to bring that amendment back through the Park Commission and City Council. By supporting the changes, some initial work could be completed by Brittingham Boats.**
- A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

I        [33314](#)        Garver- Draft of Request for Proposals

**Registrant: Shawn McKibben of Oak Park Place; Registered Speakers: Susan Thering and Lou Host-Jabwinski of SASY Neighborhood Association and Sarah White of East Side History Club; Registered Speaker in Opposition: Edward Woolsey on behalf of ECA.**

Superintendent Briski presented the item to the Parks Commission. He indicated that this draft is based on the direction from the Parks Commission to present a draft of the RFP to the Commission prior to the Surplus Committee being created and issuing a formal RFP to the public. The Surplus Committee would be established by the Mayor based upon the Park Commission's action to declare the building surplus.

Dan Rolfs from City Real Estate presented the draft Request for Proposals (RFP) to the Board of Park Commissioners. Rolfs indicated that the draft RFP is attached to the Legislative file for the public. Rolfs discussed the draft RFP and how it was constructed from Planning and Parks staff working from the prior RFP and making changes based upon current conditions. Rolfs answered questions from the Commission on a number of items related to the draft RFP. Staff indicated that the next step in this process is for the Mayor to make the appointments to the Surplus Committee, so that the Committee can begin making modifications to the RFP and move towards issuing the RFP.

VII        **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Clear to Adjourn at 8:23 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.