

**From:** deborah smith <deborah8smith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 3, 2022 4:40 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Sugar Maple Park

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Dear Commissioners;

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**From:** Erin Scallon <erinescallon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 3:53 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Sugar Maple Park - dog friendly

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Hello,

My name is Erin Scallon. I live in Birchwood Point. I strongly support changing the park to be dog friendly!

Thank you!  
Erin Scallon

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From: erikthomasgard@gmail.com <erikthomasgard@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 4:21 PM  
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Sugar Maple Park Dog Friendly

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I would love to see Sugar Maple Park become dog friendly. Thank you.

Erik Thomasgard  
239 Blooming Leaf Way

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**From:** R B <geneticgiant@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:18 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Dog Status Request - Sugar Maple Park - Question/Comments

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Good evening. I'm writing in regards to the possible approval for a dog friendly park here at Sugar Maple Park.

My house currently borders the park and I constantly deal with people allowing their dogs into my private yard to relieve themselves, which has led to a significant burden to me. The grass does not grow in certain areas, I have to buy seed, fertilize, and water multiple times a year. In addition, this includes allowing them into my bushes which causes landscaping rocks to go into my grass. Also, on a monthly basis I have to pick up feces that the dog owner never picked up.

I suspect the approval of the dog friendly park will result in more dogs into my yard. My question is.. will law enforcement also be readily available for when dogs/owners trespass and leave behind their feces? Will they ticket and enforce these actions? If not, then I'm strongly opposed to the dog friendly park.

Thank you for answering my questions in advance.

Robert

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**From:** tonypraza@gmail.com <tonypraza@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022 10:39 AM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Dog Status Request - Sugar Maple Park

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Please send me Meeting Location when it becomes available. I would like to attend either via Zoom or possibly in person. I definitely support the concepts of a “Dog Friendly Parks” if implemented properly.

Here are some questions – suggestions:

Assume that if you do change this park to “Dog Friendly Park” will you be placing the following:

1. Dog Waste Station
  - a. Including poop bags
  - b. Waste Disposal bins
2. Signage to instruct dog owners to pick up and dispose dog waste. Dog waste is hazardous to one’s health and especially concerning regarding Children’s Health!
3. Additional signage denoting that dogs must be keep under control on a 6-foot leash. – No retractable leashes are allowed.
4. Absolutely No Dogs are allowed in the Playground Areas. Extra signage around playground area should be install denoting “No dogs allowed in Playgrounds”
5. Also noting that a Dog License and Dog Permit are required to walk dogs in designated Dog Friendly Parks.
6. Notation that fines will be issued for not complying with Dog Leash requirements, disposing of dog waste properly, and requirement of Dog License and Permit.
7. Post an indication of how to reach the Park Rangers if violators are observed – via text message or phone call and/or a QR Code linked to a monitor webpage.

If you do install Dog Station, how often are dog waste bins emptied and poop bags replenished?

If you do not install Dog Waste Stations, do you clearly indicate that persons walking the dog will need to pick up the dog waste and take it home for proper disposal.

I believe these considerations are critical to the success of a “Dog Friendly Parks”. Handling of dogs and dogs waste must be addressed especially in areas where young children are routinely present.

I am a member of the Town of Middleton Park Commission. If I attend, I will not be representing the Town of Middleton but just an interested neighbor from an adjoining community.

Regards,

Tony

Anthony J (Tony) Praza  
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From: Christa Tomplait <christatomplait@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 11:15 AM  
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Sugar Maple Park

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Hi, we're unable to make the meeting for the park in our neighborhood for Sugar Maple Park to turn it back into a dog friendly park. We will be out of town. I just wanted to email and say we'd like it to go back to a dog friendly park. Having lived here for almost 4 years we're a huge dog neighborhood and have never had any issues in my experience with dogs in the park. Everyone is really respectful around here with their pets. Plus dog should be allowed to go to the park with their families.

Thanks,  
Christa & Caleb Tomplait  
225 Sunshine Ln

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**From:** Shalini Venturelli <sventur@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 9, 2022 5:08 PM  
**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
**Subject:** Comment submitted on Sugar Maple Park dog status request

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Hello City of Madison Board of Park Commissioners,  
As a resident of the Sugar Maple Park neighborhood, I am writing this comment regarding a proposal to change the dog status of the park.  
I am a grandmother who takes care of my two baby grandsons full time while my daughter works. I walk to Sugar Maple Park daily to get my exercise and to let my grandbabies play in the park. If there are dogs around in the park, the little ones will not be able to get their exercise since the dogs will make the park unsafe for the littlest neighbors for at least three reasons: 1) First, the park will become unsanitary for little children who crawl, play with balls, toddle around, tumble around on the grass, and put things in their mouths. Their little fingers touch everything and the community will face the risk of illnesses and animal-borne diseases from dog waste in the park. 2) Second, the children are too small to understand dog behaviors. They will be intimidated and constantly afraid of playing with their balls and feeling relaxed and free in the

park -- especially the little ones if dogs are allowed to walk and run in the park. 3) Finally, as an elderly grandmother, I myself would feel intimidated to see dogs congregate where my grandbabies play. Senior citizens don't always have the agility to react fast enough to protect a child from hostile dogs, especially if there are more than one or two in the park. We would be at the mercy of the owner's ability to handle a hostile dog unfamiliar with the unexpected movements of a child.

In short, in practical terms, the board faces the decision to either let the little children play in the park without fear and intimidation, or give over the park to dogs and their owners. I love dogs and I understand the desire of owners to access grassy areas. Yet, dogs cannot safely share the park with little children since it is primarily babies, toddlers and preschoolers who use the park during the mornings and afternoons every single day. For a grandmother like myself, who cannot walk or drive long distances to get my grandbabies to a park for their exercise, it will mean taking away the only park I can take them to in safety and that is close enough for me to walk to.

On behalf of all grandparents and parents, and especially on behalf of the littlest members of our community--babies and toddlers--I humbly urge you to consider this proposal very carefully so that it benefits little children first and foremost.

I appreciate the difficult decisions you often have to make, and have great hope that in this case you will rule in favor of our littlest citizens.

Shalini Venturelli

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Birchwood Point neighborhood

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From: Diane Yttri <dianeyttri@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 12:30 PM

To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

Subject: Sugar Maple Park dog status

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Regarding Sugar Maple Park dog status, I am enthusiastically in favor of making it a dog friendly park.

Diane Yttri

246 Blooming Leaf Way

Verona WI

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**From:** Madison Parks

**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2022 11:42 AM

**To:** Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>

**Subject:** FW: Planning & Development

**From:** [e-dhunt@outlook.com](mailto:e-dhunt@outlook.com) <[e-dhunt@outlook.com](mailto:e-dhunt@outlook.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2022 10:25 AM

**To:** Madison Parks <[parks@cityofmadison.com](mailto:parks@cityofmadison.com)>

**Subject:** Planning & Development

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**Comments / Questions:**

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I am not sure if this is the correct category or forum. Please forward this comment to the Park Commission, as needed.

I am writing regarding the planned change to make Sugar Maple Park a dog friendly park. I am strongly in favor of making the park dog friendly. We moved to the community a few weeks ago. We have met many fine dogs and their owners who consciously pickup after their dog. Many homes have small signs on their lawn asking owners to not let their dog pee or poop on the lawn. I think providing the large grassy area for owners to walk their dog removes limitations to just the sidewalks. I also think owners will continue to be conscientious in cleaning up after their dogs.

Allow the park to be dog friendly and if park staff identify issues with cleanliness, the status can be changed back. Further, providing bag and waste stations, with reminder signs will nudge owners into cleaning up.

I have been on a bark park committee in my previous city, establishing a 6 acre dog park. We found owners to be very conscientious. Of course there will be some "remains" left but this occurs now on the front lawns of the community.

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From: Jackie Carreiro <carreirojackie@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 7:32 AM  
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>  
Subject: Sugar Maple Park

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This neighborhood has a lot of dogs and this park is one of the most high traffic for people walking their dogs. The apartment complex sits across from the park. It makes the most sense that this park allow dogs.

Jackie Carreiro  
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