



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, July 11, 2012

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility  
1402 Wingra Creek Parkway

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### I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the Goodman Maintenance Facility, 1402 Wingra Creek Parkway.

President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members present: Bill Barker, Alder Mark Clear, Madelyn Leopold, Nancy Ragland, Emanuel Scarbrough and David Wallner. Alder Clear left the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Members excused: Ald. Joe Clausius

Parks staff present: Superintendent Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, Charlie Romines, Marla Eddy.

City staff present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Barker, to Approve the Minutes of the June 13, 2012 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speakers:

Jim Carrier, 2301 Monterey Dr., In support of improved Warner Park Land Management, opposes Rhythm and Booms. Spoke to the need to include all City trees in the EAB report.

Tracie Tudor, 1134 Spaight St.

Victoria Harper, 1114 Spaight St.

Lucy Mathiak, 716 Orton Ct.

Tom Naunas, 1114 Spaight St.

Each of these speakers expressed concerns in regard to the Orton Park Festival. The concerns focused on noise, length, size and environmental impact.

### IV. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Commission for any item on the agenda.

V. REPORTS

A. President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner indicated he had attended the Board of Estimates to speak to the transfer of funds to the Madison Parks Foundation. President Wallner discussed his recent tours of Merrill Springs, Spring Harbor and Marshall Parks.

B. Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Briski discussed the drought conditions and the impacts on trees and turf within the system. A public information campaign is being conducted to solicit volunteer help in watering within the system. Superintendent Briski discussed the current progress in selecting consultants for the Olbrich and Garver facility studies.

1. July Monthly Report of Supervisor's Activities.

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

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. SUBSTITUTE Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Line Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Reindahl Park, located at 1818 Portage Road.

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

B. Authorizing the execution of a Declaration of Public Bus Shelter Easement on lands located within Warner Park, at 1425 Troy Drive.

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

C. Authorizing the execution of an Underground Gas Line Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Brittingham Park, located at 622 North Shore Drive.

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

- D. Amending Sections 8.18(2) and (5) and Section 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances regarding parking regulations in Brittingham Park and Henry Vilas Park.

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

- E. Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement to form a local chapter of Just Walk! Inc. to create a A Walk with a Doc program.

**A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold to Approve. The Commissioners indicated concerns in regard to the contractual obligations established in the agreement with Just Walk! Inc. Commissioner Ragland indicated a concern related to the relationship to Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The Commission expressed concern about intellectual property rights. The motion failed 1 AYE (Scarborough), 3 NO (Ragland, Leopold, Barker).**

**A motion was made by Leopold, seconded by Scarborough to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote.**

- F. Accepting the report of the Emerald Ash Borer Taskforce and adopting the recommendations contained therein.

**City Forester Marla Eddy presented the EAB Task Force Report to the Park Commission. The Commission asked questions regarding budget, species list and how chemical treatments would be used.**

**A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Scarborough, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The Commission recommended that the report include a strong statement of the importance of biodiversity in the urban environment. The Commission recommended that the approved species list for trees in the terraces be appended to the report. The Commission recommended that Integrated Pest Management be a part of the report due to concerns about broad based use of chemical treatments.**

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Barker, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn at 8:25 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**