



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, September 11, 2013

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center  
1625 Northport Dr.

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### I CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Warner Park Community Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President Wallner. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Member Excused: Emanuel Scarbrough.

Parks staff present: Kevin Briski, Eric Knepp, Kay Rutledge, Josh Schmitt, Roberta Sladky and Joanne Austin.

### II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### III PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### IV DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals made by members of the Commission.

### V REPORTS

#### A President of the Parks Commission

President Wallner mentioned that he and Superintendent Briski had recently appeared on Stuart Levitan's Access City Hall program. President Wallner visited Glenway woods and the prairie at Odana in recent weeks, both of which were areas that have had significant volunteer work projects. He also attended the groundbreaking for Central Park along with Commissioner Ragland and Superintendent Briski. Alder Clear mentioned that he attended the Capital K-9's event at the Goodman Pool.

#### 1 Subcommittee Appointment by the President of the Park Commission

A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to Recommend Confirmation to the Common Council. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**B Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Briski presented the Report of Supervisor's Activities for August and September. Superintendent Briski discussed the successes of Madison Parks during the busy summer season. Superintendent Briski thanked the Goodman Foundation, Alliant Energy Foundation and the Shelley Glover Foundation for their support of scholarships at the Goodman Pool and City beaches. He presented an update on the Capital Budget. Kay Rutledge, Parks Planning and Development Manager and Eric Knepp, Assistant Parks Superintendent provided additional information on the Capital Budget and the Capital Improvement Program. Kay Rutledge also provided informational updates on the construction progress for the two new West side dog parks.

**1 Written Report of Supervisor's August 2013 Activities**

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Accept. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**2 Written Report of Supervisor's September 2013 Activities**

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Accept. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**3 Brittingham Garden Update**

**Registrant: Shelly Strom, Community Action Coalition, available to answer questions.**

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Ragland, to Accept. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

**A Authorizing the acceptance of ownership from Meadowood Neighborhood Association of a "Little Free Library" located within Meadowood Park at 5800 Thrush Lane.**

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

**B Authorizing the execution of an easement to the City of Sun Prairie for public pedestrian/bicycle path purposes across lands within the City of Madison's North-East Greenspace and adjacent Stormwater Utility lands, located south of Hoepker Road and west of U.S. Highway 151.**

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**C** Architectural Engineering Consulting Report on Garver Feed Mill Building Repairs

**Registrants in Support of Preservation of the Garver Feed Mill Building: Eileen Stuntebeck; Sarah White; and Alder Marsha Rummel.**

**City Staff: Paul Stauffer, City Facilities Management; Amy Scanlon, City Planning.**

**Facility Engineering, Inc. made a presentation to the Board on the overall condition of the Garver Feed Mill Building. Presentation materials are available at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/engineering/GarverFeedMill.cfm>.**

**The Commissioners asked questions of the consultants and City staff about the site, building conditions and the cost estimates provided in the report. The Commission discussed the possibility of an RFP being crafted that would be open to many options for the space, so long as those uses were compatible with the Gardens and park space. The Commission also discussed the need to address the Parks and Olbrich storage and its importance to be located near the existing Garver building.**

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Clausius to Direct Parks and Planning Staff to draft an RFP for the private use of the Garver Building to be reviewed by the Park Commission. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**D** Park Event Standards

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Refer to the LONG RANGE PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**E** Authorizing the Execution of all Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Peace Park Land Exchange with James Shapiro

**Assistant Superintendent Knepp presented the issue to the Commission and explained the memo from the City Attorney's Office.**

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

**F** Authorizing the Parks Superintendent to Create Temporary Park Rules for No Alcohol Parks

**Registered Speakers:**

**Pat Osborn, in support of a ban at Demetral.**

**Agnes Jaeckel, in opposition of a ban at Demetral.**

**Alder Marsha Rummel, no registered position.**

**Superintendent Briski and Captain Cam McLlay from the Madison Police Department presented the issues related to excessive alcohol consumption and inappropriate behavior at Demetral Park and Burr Jones Field parks. Superintendent Briski provided background information on the current protocol and Park Commission policy related to Alcohol in Parks. Captain McLay answered questions from Commissioners about details of the behavior that is occurring and what other similar City's are doing in response to this**

societal issue.

**A motion was made by Clausius, seconded by Leopold, to Approve as amended to provide authorization to the Superintendent to issue a temporary alcohol ban for a park for up to 90 days.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**G**                    Establishing Demetral Park as a No Alcohol Park.

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Place On File Without Prejudice. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**H**                    Establishing Burr Jones Field Park as a No Alcohol Park.

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Place On File Without Prejudice. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**VII        ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. 9:41 PM.**