



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

6:30 PM

Olbrich Botanical Gardens
3330 Atwood Ave

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Madison Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at Olbrich Botanical Gardens. President Wallner called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Janet Schmidt; Joanne Austin; and Stephanie Franklin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2017 Park Commission meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke about the Bier Garten at Olbrich Park proposal.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

In reference to Agenda Item 18, Emily Gnam disclosed that she is on the Madison Parks Foundation Board.

REPORTS

President of the Park Commission

President David Wallner; Superintendent Eric Knepp; and Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak attended last night's Common Council meeting to answer questions about the Bier Garten at Olbrich Park proposal. Wallner also attended the ALRC meeting 3 weeks ago. Common Council approved the Bier Garten proposal 12 - 7. Wallner attended the Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee meeting at which Madelyn Leopold discussed the Adopt the Ice project and Weekend Supervisor Josh Schmitt provided an update on the Parks Behavior Policy.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp stated that the Spring newsletter is out. Paul Noeldner has created a very successful program called the Bird and Nature Outings. Parks are becoming more dog-friendly with the recent ordinance change. Education is being provided in neighborhoods where there are more issues with dogs off-leash. One more Community Visioning Session will be held regarding the Park and Open Space Plan (POSP). The meetings have been well attended. Three themed events will also be held, along with multiple other opportunities to gain input.

[46415](#)

Superintendent's March 2017 Report

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46399](#)

Report of the Minutes of the October 20 and December 15, 2016 Long Range Planning Subcommittee and November 1, 2016 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee meetings.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Ragland to Accept the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 20, Legislative File No. 45800 and No. 21, Legislative File No. 45863. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[45800](#)

Proclaiming Sunday, April 16, 2017 as International Migratory Bird Day in the City of Madison.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[45863](#)

Proclaiming the week of April 30 through May 6, 2017 as Arbor Week in the City of Madison.

Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46360](#)

Authorizing the City to execute a use agreement with Rutabaga Paddlesports LLC to conduct rental, instructional, non-alcoholic concession and other recreational activities at the Olbrich Park Beach House for the years 2017-2023.

**Registered Speakers Nancy Saulsbury and Amelia Musser of Rutabaga Paddlesports spoke in support.
Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke in support.**

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

- [46401](#) Temporary Land Use Permit- Request from Cherokee Park, Inc. for temporary access within Cherokee Marsh (North Unit) for grading purposes in conjunction with the development located at 1507 Burningwood Way.
- Planning and Development Manager Janet Schmidt presented an overview of the request.**
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [41986](#) Requiring the City Forestry Division to evaluate the treatment of ash trees under powerlines on the same basis as other terrace trees and provide treatment accordingly with the goal of maintaining a street tree canopy in Madison's older neighborhoods.
- Assistant Parks Superintendent Charlie Romines provided clarification regarding the resolution.**
- Registered Speaker Lance Green spoke in support.**
Registered Speaker Leslie Schroeder spoke in support.
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL to the SUSTAINABLE MADISON COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [46236](#) SUBSTITUTE To authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Harris Golf Cars, Inc. for the lease of a golf cart fleet on a four (4) year term for the City of Madison Golf Courses.
- Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to RETURN the SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [46354](#) Authorizing the City to Execute an Amendment to the Use Agreement for the Golf Facility During the 2011-2019 Golf Seasons Between the City and Madison Metro Youth Golf Initiative, Inc.
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Clear, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [46368](#) Request from UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine for the use of Warner Park for Point for Paws 5K on Sunday, April 23, 2017.
- Elizabeth Cooper of UW Madison SVM SCAVMA Wellness Committee registered in support.**
Laura Bunke of the UW Madison Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association registered in support.
- Motion made by Clear, seconded by Leopold, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[46369](#) Request from Elver Park Farmers' Market for the use of Elver Park parking lot on Saturdays or Sundays from June 10, 2017 through September 17, 2017.

Joe Ryan of Madison West Neighborhood Association (MWNA) registered in support.

Gloria Meyer of Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association registered in support.

Motion passed by Leopold, seconded by Clear, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46225](#) Authorizing the City to Execute an Amendment to the Use Agreement for the Warner Park Stadium During The 2011-2020 Baseball Seasons Between the City, Madison Mallards LLC and Northwoods League, Inc.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Madison Mallards spoke regarding the Amendment.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[46408](#) Request from Big Top Events for an Additional Concert at Breese Stevens Field in Partnership with the Madison Parks Foundation.

Registered Speaker Vern Stenmann of Big Top Events spoke in support.

Maureen Lokrantz of Madison Parks Foundation registered in support.

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Approve contingent on the Parks Superintendent receiving and reviewing the official input from the Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Association from their March 9, 2017 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

[45755](#) To commemorate the 47th anniversary of Earth Day on April 22nd, proclaim April 22nd as Earth Day Challenge Day, and endorse and encourage citizen participation in the clean-up events at City of Madison Parks. (All ADs)

Registered Speaker Carl Landsness spoke regarding Earth Day efforts.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Clear, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 8:25 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.