



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, September 13, 2017

6:30 PM

Warner Park Community Recreation Center  
1625 Northport Dr.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center. 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. Maurice Cheeks; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; David Wallner; and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Charlie Romines; Joanne Austin; Janet Schmidt; Shannon Barstow; and Tina Lindsey.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Phil Gaebler, City Engineering; George Reistad, Mayor's Office; and Dan Rolfs, City Real Estate.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2017 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

President Wallner attended the opening of Sugar Maple Park and visited the new Brittingham Park playgrounds, which are getting a lot of use. He also attended the Bodega at Breese Stevens Field and Africa Fest at Central Park. The Golf Subcommittee had a second meeting and there was a good turnout for discussion of the golf report.

Commending Alder Mark Clear for his service on the Board of Park Commissioners

Park Commission President Appointment to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES 2.04, 2.05, 2.24, & 2.25 - MISC. ITEMS. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### **Superintendent of Parks**

Superintendent Eric Knepp presented the Commissioners with a copy of Resolution No. 48643, which was introduced by Mayor Soglin. The Resolution, which establishes a plan for Confederate monuments in Forest Hill Cemetery, calls for a joint meeting with the Park Commission, Landmarks Commission, and Equal Opportunities Commission. A date is being looked for to accommodate all Commissions and it is hoped that it will be held in October. The Allied Park opening date is September 29th.

### **Superintendent's September Report**

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

Report of Subcommittee Minutes of the July 18 and August 8, 2017 Golf Subcommittee; the July 6, 2017 Long Range Planning Subcommittee; May 25, 2017 Warner Park Community Recreation Center Advisory Subcommittee; and April 25 and May 16, 2017 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 12, Legislative File No. 48693; No. 13, Legislative File No. 48206; No. 14, Legislative File No. 48220; No. 15, Legislative File No. 48222; No. 16, Legislative File No. 48718; No. 17, Legislative File No. 48694; No. 18, Legislative File No. 48666; No. 19, Legislative File No. 48717; and No. 24, Legislative File No. 48552. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Request from Madison Parks Foundation for the use of Hoyt Park for Picnic in the Park from October 25 - October 30, 2017. The event is on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Authorizing the City of Madison to accept ownership of a "Little Free Library" from the Junction Ridge Neighborhood Association located in Junction Ridge Park at 8502 Elderberry Road.

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

Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of the City's property located at 917 E. Mifflin St.

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

Authorizing the execution of an Underground Electric Easement to Madison Gas and Electric Company across a portion of Olbrich Park located at 3527 Atwood Avenue.

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

Bike Rack in Lisa Link Peace Park

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Temporary Land Use Agreement- Request from Madison Gas & Electric Company for temporary access within Cherokee Marsh to install an electric service.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Request from Gardeners at Prairie Hills Community Garden to Install a Bat House in Lucy Lincoln Hiestand Park.

**Registrant Sarah Kirk of Prairie Hills Community Garden registered in support.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Temporary Land Use Permit- Request from Dane County, Wisconsin, for temporary access within Tenney Park to complete fiber optic installation to serve the Tenney Locks.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Authorizing the City to execute an agreement with Madison Log Rolling LLP to use portions of Wingra Park for its log rolling program activities for the years of 2017-2021.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Baldeh, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Request from City Engineering to Install a Stormwater Quality Screen Structure in Wingra Park

**Phil Gaebler of City Engineering presented an overview of the project.**

**Motion made Leopold, seconded by Ragland, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Accepting and adopting the City Forester's report determining the existence of public nuisances under MGO Sec. 23.40(1), and directing Forestry staff to cause notice to be issued to the owners identified in the report pursuant to MGO Sec. 23.30(4)(b). And further recommending that at the next meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, that a public hearing be held for the purpose of ordering the removal or destruction of the trees identified in the report.

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Leopold, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Amending RES-17-00664 Authorizing the Execution of a Development Agreement with Garver Feed Mill, LLC to change the terms of the City's Reversionary Interest.

**Dan Rolfs, City Real Estate, presented an overview of the Resolution.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Accepting the staff report and its recommendations on Potential Garden Sites within the University Hill Farms Neighborhood and nearby areas.

**George Reistad, Food Policy Coordinator, presented an overview of the report.**

**Registrant Cindy Statz of Sheboygan Ave. Community Gardens registered in support.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Gnam, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## 2016 Annual Golf Report and Discussion on Future Planning

Assistant Parks Superintendent Charlie Romines presented an overview of the Golf Operations Annual Report.

Registrant Dan Finkelmeyer is in support that the City should subsidize golf.

Registered Speakers Jerry Hermanson, Ken Russell, Beth Zeier, Barry Kerr, Keith Brown, Bernie Powers, Tom Hidde, Elaine Gundlach, Juan Romero, Pat McDuffy, Amy Scarr, Chris Lynch (who provided a handout), and Ed Daniels spoke in opposition to closing Monona Golf Course.

Registrants Otto Krueger, Patricia Chermak of WMGA/ Elks Ladies Golf, Dee Alford of WMGA/ Elks Ladies Golf, Mary Boyd, Diane MacDonald, Nancy Voss, Marge Shuppe, Mark Saunders, Kristine Gay, Patrick Soukup, Judy Howard, Linda Andrew, Donna Schaefer, Kathy Petty, and Anne Hofmann registered in opposition to closing Monona Golf Course.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Washington, to Adjourn at 9:19 PM.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.