



City of Madison

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
www.cityofmadison.com

Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at Goodman Maintenance Facility. President Leopold called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Ald. Samba Baldeh; Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Venus Washington.

Members Excused: Ald. Cheeks.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; Ryan Brinza; Theran Steindl; and Roberta Sladky.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley and George Reistad, Mayor's Office; Randy Wiesner, City Engineering; and Kirstie Laatsch, City Planning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2018 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 Madelyn Leopold read a resolution commemorating David Wallner on his service with the Board of Park Commissioners.

Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp introduced Moira Harrington as the new member of the Board of Park Commissioners. With the onset of spring weather, the golf courses have opened and athletic fields are in heavy use. The Goodman Pool and splash parks are expected to open Memorial Day weekend. Interviews for the Planning and Development Manager position are ongoing and the Assistant Superintendent position has been posted. The 2019 Capital Budget has been submitted. He hopes to develop an action driven five-year plan for Madison Parks with the input of the public and the Board of Park Commissioners.

51525

Superintendent's May 2018 Report

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

Ald. Maurice Cheeks arrived at 7 PM.

Members Present: 7 – Ald. Baldeh; Ald. Cheeks; Gnam; Harrington; Leopold; Ragland; and Washington.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 9, Legislative File No. 51395; No. 10 Legislative File No. 51396; No. 11, Legislative File No. 51522; No. 12, Legislative File No. 51518; No. 14, Legislative File No. 51501; No. 18, Legislative File No. 51421; No. 20, Legislative File No. 51407. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

51395

Authorizing the acceptance of ownership from Spring Harbor Neighborhood Association of an informational kiosk located in Merrill Springs Park at 5102 Spring Court.

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

51396

Authorizing the execution of a Declaration of Easement for Public Utility Purposes across a portion of Olbrich Park for purposes of serving the Garver Feed Mill redevelopment site.

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

- [51522](#) Olbrich Botanical Society requests permission to close Olbrich Botanical Gardens during regular public hours of operation for Rhapsody in Bloom on June 16, 2018.
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [51518](#) Request from City Engineering to Install a Sanitary Main in Edna Taylor Park
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [51501](#) Request from Madison Parks Foundation for the use of Tenney Park for Makeshift Festival from August 11 - 13, 2018. The event is on Saturday, August 12.
- Registrant Robert Hemauer of the Madison Parks Foundation was in support and was available to answer questions.**
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the Request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [51421](#) Approving the 2018 updates to the urban forestry special charge policy.
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion made by voice vote/other.**
- [51407](#) Authorizing the City to execute a use agreement with Change Golf Instruction LLC to make it a preferred golf instruction provider at the City golf courses for 2018-2022 and authorizing City golf staff to conduct private lessons at City golf courses while not on-duty.
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion made by voice vote/other.**
- [51486](#) Request from Secret Places Neighborhood Association for the use of Secret Places Park for a monthly series, "Picnic in the Park" running from June 8 - October 12, 2018 (5 events)
- Knepp indicated the neighborhood association withdrew their request.**
- Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Ragland, to PLACE ON FILE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [51502](#) Olbrich Botanical Gardens Expansion Update
- Randy Wiesner of City Engineering presented an update on the Olbrich Botanical Garden expansion. The hope is to break ground the second week in September per Roberta Sladky, Olbrich Botanical Gardens Executive Director. Children's learning will be a priority for the first phase of construction**

51487

Request from United States Amateur Tug of War Association for the use of Olin Park on September 1-2, 2018 for the 40th Anniversary U.S. Invitational Tug of War, with set-up on Friday, August 31.

Registered Speaker Shelby Richardson spoke in support and was available to answer questions.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

51349

Adopting the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Baldeh, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Culture and Character, Strategy 3 (p. 79), Action b. “Design and program a wide variety of new parks and public spaces in developing parts of the city for enjoyment by a broad range of users.” Proposed new parks will be acquired as identified in Neighborhood Development Plans or to address parkland deficiencies and planned and developed in accordance with the adopted Master Plan policy. The City of Madison Parks Division does not program park facilities.
- Recommend working with Parks Division staff to revise language under Green and Resilient, Strategy 4 (p. 91), and Actions b. and c., to include language that is consistent with the Park and Open Space Plan goals to decrease parkland deficiencies.
- Recommend clarifying language under Green and Resilient Strategy 7 (p. 95) “Improve public access to lakes.” The City would not pursue purchase of protected shoreline easements without ensuring public access. This section should be clarified to ensure this does not mean purchasing easements to maintain shoreline on private property.
- For Green and Resilient Strategy 7 (access to lakes), access to lakes should ensure access to the lakes for lower income residents.
- For Green and Resilient Strategy 6 (diverse tree canopy), recommend practices that protect the ecosystem should be considered in selecting tree species, such as native tree species and species that are beneficial to pollinators.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

51224

Creating a Task Force to review, analyze and provide recommendations regarding the City’s Integrated Pest Management Policy.

George Reistad of the Mayor’s Office presented.

Motion made by Baldeh, seconded by Gnam, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL.

51577

Resolution, Legislative File No. 51427 - Authorizing the City to enter into Use Agreement with Big Top Events LLC for the management of concessions, alcohol, events and facility operations at Breese Stevens Stadium for 2019-2028 (2nd Ald. Dist.)

Registered Speaker Vern Stenman of Big Top Events spoke in support of the professional soccer league.

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Harrington, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

51578

Substitute Resolution, Legislative File No. 51432 - Amending the 2018 Parks Division Capital Budget to authorize \$650,000 in general obligation debt and \$650,000 in park impact fee funding to the Breese Stevens Field project.

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

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Harrington, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

51283

Golf Enterprise Update

Parks Superintendent Eric Knepp presented the update.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Baldeh, to Adjourn at 9:44 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.