



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, May 8, 2019

6:30 PM

Goodman Maintenance Facility  
1402 Wingra Creek Pkwy.

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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, May 8, 2019 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: Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

Members Absent: Nancy Ragland and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Kay Rutledge; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Ann Freiwald; Roberta Sladky; Kelli Lamberty; and Claire Oleksiak.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; and Angela Puerta and Linda Horvath, City Planning.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 Board of Park Commissioners meeting. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Registered speaker Carl Landsness spoke to express gratitude to the Parks Division for the Earth Day Challenge and Bird and Nature Festival, as well as to Paul Noeldner.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

## REPORTS

### President of the Park Commission

President Madelyn Leopold and the other commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed the new alders to the Board of Park Commissioners.

### Superintendent of Parks

Superintendent Eric Knepp reported that the spring season has started off well. Forestry is in the process of planting nearly 2,000 trees. Knepp provided an update on Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and mitigation strategies for Madison's urban canopy. Knepp reported on the golf financials as well as the upcoming taskforce which will make long-term recommendations.

Nancy Ragland arrived at 6:50 PM.

**Members Present:** 6 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; and Ald. Paul Skidmore.

**Members Absent:** 1 - Venus Washington.

#### 55605

Superintendent's May 2019 Report

Olbrich Botanical Gardens Director Roberta Sladky presented the Olbrich Botanical Gardens quarterly report.

Acceptance of the Superintendent's Report was deferred until Community Services Manager Claire Oleksiak arrived and presented her quarterly report.

Oleksiak arrived at 7:41 PM and presented the Community Services quarterly report after Agenda Item 16, Legislative File 55702.

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

#### 55651

Report of the Minutes of the March 9, 2019 Olbrich Botanical Society.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Approve by Consent Agenda No. 10, Legislative File No. 55210; No. 11, Legislative File No. 55555; and No. 12, Legislative File No. 55342. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

#### 55210

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease for farming purposes with Guy Dreger and Laura Dreger for approximately 7 acres of land recently acquired for park purposes in the Town of Verona. (1st AD)

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55555](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease for farming purposes with Steven Pederson for approximately 53 acres of land within the Northeast Open Space. (17th A.D.)

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55342](#) Authorizing the execution of a Private Water Lateral Service Easement to Garver Feed Mill, LLC across a portion of the City-owned parcel located at 30 Sugar Beet Lane (Lot 2, CSM 14664), the future site of micro lodges to be constructed as part of the Garver Feed Mill redevelopment project.

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Recommend to Council to Adopt - Report of Officer. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55620](#) Request from UW-Madison to survey freshwater ponds in parks.

**UW-Madison Professor David Drake presented the request.**

**Motion made by Henak, seconded by Harrington to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55703](#) Vilas Park Master Plan Update

**Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented an overview of the planning process.**

**Venus Washington arrived at 7:24 PM.**

**Members Present: 7 – Emily Gnam; Moira Harrington; Ald. Zachary Henak; Madelyn Leopold; Nancy Ragland; Ald. Paul Skidmore; and Venus Washington.**

[55528](#) Adopting the Triangle Monona Bay Neighborhood Plan as a Supplement to the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan and dissolving the Triangle and Monona Bay Ad-Hoc Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee.

**Angela Puerta and Linda Horvath of City Planning presented an overview of the plan.**

**A motion was made by Henak, seconded by Harrington, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55702](#)

Street Use Ordinance Update

**Community Events Coordinator Kelli Lamberty presented an overview of the changes to the Street Use Ordinance, MGO 10.056.**

[55631](#)

Request from Friends of Olin Turville (FOOT) for use of Olin Pavilion for up to 20 program reservations and one community event per year under terms of a fee modification.

**Registered speaker Tom DeChant of FOOT spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Washington, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the request.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55633](#)

Request from Freddy's Baseball League for use of Bowman Park Baseball Field for at least six reservations under the terms of a fee modification.

**Registrant Freddy Lopez of Freddy's Baseball League was in support.**

**Oleksiak presented the plan.**

**Motion made by Washington, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the request.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55632](#)

Request from Men's Adult Baseball League (MABL) for use of Bowman Park Baseball Field for at least six (6) weekend reservations and 25 weekday reservations under the terms of a fee modification. MABL may play games until 11 PM on weeknights.

**Registrant Andy DeRocher of Men's Adult Baseball League (MABL) was in support.**

**Oleksiak answered questions about the request.**

**Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Harrington, to Approve the request.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55606](#)

Request from Wisconsin Public Television for the use of Warner Park from Thursday, August 1 through Friday August 2, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down for the Wisconsin Public Television Get Up and Go! Day 2019, a festival/live broadcast event.

**Registered speaker Carol Griskavich of Wisconsin Public Television spoke in support.**

**Oleksiak presented the request and answered questions about the request.**

**Motion made by Henak, seconded by Skidmore, to Approve the request.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**55607**

Request from OutReach, Inc. for the use of Warner Park on Sunday, August 18, 2019 for the setup, event, and take-down of the OutReach Magic Festival.

**Registered speaker Dana Pellebon of Outreach spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Steve Starkey of Outreach spoke in support.**

**Registrant Tom DeChant was in support.**

**Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Henak, to Approve the request.**

**Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**55711**

Request from Yuriy Gusev for rental of Highland Manor shelter from 12 PM to 3 PM on the third Wednesday of each month starting May 15, 2019 through May 20, 2020 for Paralympic Biathlon Air Rifle Competition training.

**Registered speaker Peter Berbee spoke in opposition.**

**Oleksiak spoke about the request.**

**Registered speaker Yuriy Gusev of U.S. Ski & Snowboard - Central Cross Country Skiing, spoke in support.**

**Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Henak, to Approve the request.**

**Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**55108**

Installation of semi-permanent fence at Quann Dog Park to significantly increase the number of days the dog park can be open during Alliant Energy Center events.

**Oleksiak presented the plan.**

**Registered speaker Tom DeChant of Dane County AEC Master Planning Committee spoke in support.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Gnam, to Adjourn at 9:15 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**