



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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Wednesday, June 12, 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, June 12, 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 Nancy Ragland.

Members Absent: Ald. Paul Skidmore and Venus Washington.

Parks Staff Present: Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Kay Rutledge; Joanne Austin; Sarah Lerner; Mike Sturm; Greg Genin; and Ann Freiwald.

City Staff Present: Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Jeff Greger, City Engineering; and Nancy Saiz, Community Development.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Henak, to Approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 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 Leopold reported that the Warner Park Community Recreation Center (WPCRC) has received several grants to support their programming. She commended Warner Park Facility Manager Terrence Thompson for his great work, as well as the Madison Park Foundation for their fundraising support for WPCRC. Leopold would like to continue to discuss fee modifications that encourage recreation and programming in parks.

[56088](#) Park Commission President Citizen Appointment to Subcommittee of the Board of Park Commissioners

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Harrington, 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 Knepp reported that the process has begun to hire a new Community Services Manager. He emphasized that the position supports the goals of the Parks Division to plan, acquire, and develop parkland through its work with the community. Knepp believes that fee modifications are an important opportunity to encourage recreation opportunities in parks. The city has recently acquired the Medical Society at Olin Park and the future use of the building is to be determined. Mowing operations are impacted by a high reliance on seasonal employees, and while new technology like GPS in mowers is helpful, it is difficult to keep up with mowing due to the weather. The Odana School Dog Park expansion is complete and open to the public.

[56150](#) Superintendent's June 2019 Report

Parks Operations Manager Greg Genin presented the Operations quarterly report.

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

[56151](#) Report of the Minutes of the May 9, 2019 Golf Subcommittee; February 27, 2019 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and the March 19 and April 16, 2019 Olbrich Botanical Society.

**Motion made by Harrington, seconded by Gnam, 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. 11, Legislative File No. 55925; No. 12, Legislative File No. 56120; No. 13, Legislative File No. 56116; No. 15, Legislative File No. 56119; and No. 17, Legislative File No. 55923. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[55925](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a lease for farming purposes with Ronald J. Treinen for approximately 35 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**

- [56120](#) Request from The ALS Association Wisconsin Chapter for the use of Vilas Park for the setup, event, and tear down for The Madison Walk to Defeat ALS, a fundraising walk, from Friday, October 25 through Saturday, October 26, 2019.
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [56116](#) Request from Alder Barbara McKinney for the use of Elver Park for the setup, event, and take-down for Westfest, a community event, on July 6, 2019.
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [56119](#) Request from the EuroStars for the use of Warner Park Football Field for the setup, event, and take-down for EuroStars vs Madison Heist Ultimate Frisbee, an Ultimate Frisbee Game, on August 27, 2019.
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [55923](#) Adopting amendments to the Rattman Neighborhood Development Plan and Pumpkin Hollow Neighborhood Development Plan to provide updated recommendations.
- Motion made by Ragland, seconded by Henak, to RETURN TO LEAD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO THE PLAN COMMISSION.**
- Motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- [56118](#) Request from Dominic's Ripple for the use of Rennebohm Park for the setup, event, and take-down for Dominic's Ripple Backyard Barbecue, a fundraiser event, on Sunday, July 14, 2019.
- The request from Dominic's Ripple was withdrawn.**
- [56085](#) Request from Leopold NRT for the use of Aldo Leopold Park for programming free summer meals lunch and one evening per week free family activities under terms of a fee modification for 2019-2021.
- Nancy Saiz of City Community Development presented an overview of the project.**
- Nancy Saiz also spoke in support on behalf of Leopold Arbor Hills Neighborhood Resource Team.**
- Motion made by Washington, seconded by Gnam, to Approve the request. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**56117**

Request by Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center to extend La Fete de Marquette event activities, including amplification and beer sales, to 11 PM on July 12 and 13, 2019 at McPike Park.

**Knepp presented an overview of the request.**

**Registrant Robert Hemauer of Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center was in support. Registered speaker Gary Kallas of Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center spoke in support.**

**Registrant Beatrice Hadidian of Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center was in support.**

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

**56086**

Request by Emerson East Neighborhood Association to rename Pennsylvania Park to Emerson East Park.

**Parks Planning and Development Manager Ann Freiwald presented the request.**

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

**56087**

Eagle Trace Park Master Plan

**Parks Landscape Architect Sarah Lerner presented the master plan.**

**Registered speaker Jacquelyn Welch spoke in opposition.**

**Registered speaker Lisa Dietrich spoke in opposition.**

**Registered speaker Sharon Goss of Elderberry Neighborhood Association spoke in support.**

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

**56157**

Law Park Master Plan Process Update

**Parks Landscape Architect Mike Sturm provided an overview.**

**56051**

Warner Park Community Recreation Center Behavior and Suspension Policy.

**Warner Park Community Recreation Center Facility Manager Terrence Thompson presented the policy.**

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

**56162**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Enter into Boat Launch Use Agreements With Drax, Inc. and Joe Daniels Construction Co., Inc. to Use the Marshall Park Boat Launch for Private Shoreline Restoration Work.

**Knepp presented the agreements.**

**Registrant Scott Langum of Drax, Inc. was in support.**

**Registrant Sam Daniels of Joe Daniels Construction Company, Inc. was in support.**

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

**56004**

Establishing a Task Force on Municipal Golf in Madison Parks to make recommendations to the Mayor, Common Council, and the Board of Park Commissioners regarding the future of the City's Municipal Golf Courses.

**Knepp presented information on the resolution.**

**Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Henak, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER.**

**Motion made by Gnam, seconded by Ragland, to Amend the resolution to delete the fourth bullet under the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED section as follows:**

- **Consider the highest and best use of the land currently occupied by Madison's public golf courses,**

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

**Motion made by Henak, seconded by Harrington, to revise the BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED section as follows:**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the taskforce will be dissolved upon the submission of its recommendations to the Mayor, Common Council, and Board of Park Commissioners by May 1, 2020.**

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

**The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Skidmore, seconded by Henak, to Adjourn at 9:58 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**