



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, May 11, 2022

6:30 PM

Virtual

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held virtually at 6:30PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. President Gnam called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

**Members Present:** Ald. Syed Abbas; Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.

**Members Excused:** Moira Harrington.

**Parks Staff Present:** Eric Knepp; Lisa Laschinger; Joanne Austin; Kelly Post; and Ann Shea.

**City Staff Present:** Katie Crawley, Mayor's Office; Phil Gaebler, Engineering; and Ryan Jonely, City Planning.

[71294](#)

Approval of the Minutes of the April 13, 2022 Board of Park Commissioners meeting.

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Minutes.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[71293](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for Public Comment.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

### REPORTS

#### President of the Park Commission

President Emily Gnam participated in Assistant Superintendent interviews. Gnam stated that future meeting formats will be discussed later in the meeting, but will remain virtual for June and July with a possible tour of the Olin Facility in August. Gnam recommended having Park Commission officer elections at the September meeting. New Park Commission member Catie Shannon will be joining the June meeting.

Superintendent of Parks

**Superintendent Eric Knepp noted that the Lake Monona Waterfront Ad Hoc Committee members have all been chosen and approved with the first meeting being held on May 16th. Parks received initial proposals from 14 firms. Common Council approved the land sale at Yahara Hills Golf Course at their May 10th meeting. The Mayor has been briefed on the Division's Capital Budget. Engagement efforts will soon start regarding the WPCRC expansion. Parks is close to making the final selection for the Assistant Superintendent position.**

[71295](#)

May 2022 Superintendent's Report

**Public Information Officer Ann Shea presented the Public Information Office quarterly report.**

**Planning and Development Ann Freiwald was unable to attend so Knepp presented the Planning quarterly report.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

[71296](#)

Report of the Minutes of the April 18, 2022 Facilities, Programs and Fees Subcommittee; April 28, 2022 Golf Subcommittee; February 8, 2022 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee; March 16, 2022 Parks Long Range Planning Subcommittee; and March 15, 2022 OBS.

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Accept the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

[71353](#)

Discussion on the default format for 2022 Board of Park Commissioners Meeting

**Knepp clarified that the Olin Facility will not be ready until October 2022.**

**Motion made by Abbas, seconded by Miller Fienen, to hold the June and July meetings virtually and have an in-person tour at the Olin Facility in August.**

[71319](#)

Board of Park Commissioners Proclaiming Commitment to Supporting Pollinator Health

**Assistant Superintendent Lisa Laschinger explained the Proclamation and was available to answer questions.**

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

**71316**

Request for a temporary science exhibit, a series of signs, to be placed at Olbrich Park along Atwood Avenue in July and August.

**Registered speaker John Nicholas "Nick" Schweitzer was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Leopold, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Approve the request.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**70955**

Request by Sessions at McPike Park Board to extend Madison Park hours for the Sessions at McPike Park, event activities, including amplification and beer sales, to 11 PM, August 12 & 13, 2022 at McPike Park.

**Knepp provided an overview of items 13 (File No. 70955), 14 (File No. 70992), and 16 (File No. 71314).**

**Registered speaker Jacob Snell of Bob Queen, Sessions at McPike Park, Inc. spoke in support.**

**Registrant Bob Queen was in support and available to speak.**

**Registrant Paul Nichols was in support.**

**Registrant David Wallner was in support.**

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

**70992**

Request by Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center to extend Madison Park hours at McPike Park for La Fete de Marquette event activities, including amplification and beer sales, to 11:00 PM, July 15 & 16, 2022 at McPike Park.

**Registrant Paul Nichols was in support.**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Approve.  
Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**70997**

Request from All Community Events for the use of Elver Park for the Jack O'lantern World event from September 19 - November 14, 2022. The setup will be contained to the 4 softball diamonds.

**Knepp and Interim Community Events Coordinator Kelly Post introduced the event.**

**Registered speaker Peter Starykowicz of All Community Events spoke in support.**

**Registered speaker Robert Jaenicke of All Community Events was in support, but unavailable to speak.**

**Alder Syed Abbas left at 8:00PM.**

**Members Present: 4 – Ald. Yanette Figueroa Cole; Emily Gnam; Madelyn Leopold; and Chandra Miller Fienen.**

**Members Excused: 2 - Moira Harrington and Ald. Syed Abbas.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Leopold to Approve.**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Amend to approve the event as a pilot event with staff having the ability to reduce/negotiate fees and engage in direct collaboration with the Parks Equity Team to promote access to the event and report back to the Board of Park Commissioners, including contribution to local benefit within 60 days of completion of the event. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**71314**

Request by Madison Opera to extend amplification for Opera in the Park, to 11 PM, July 23 (24, rain date), 2022 at Garner Park.

**Registered speaker Kathryn Smith of Madison Opera was in support and available to answer questions.**

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

**71094**

Accepting final report and proposed solutions of West Wingra Watershed Report

**Phil Gaebler of Engineering presented and was available to answer questions.**

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

**71147**

Authorizing the Planning Division's shift to a Planning Framework with 13 higher level Area Plans to be updated every 10 years

**Ryan Jonely of City Planning presented and was available to answer questions.**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Leopold, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**71123**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a Donation Agreement and Construction Agreement with the Madison Parks Foundation for the Privately Funded Improvement of the Glenway Golf Park Clubhouse.

**Laschinger presented overview of proposed clubhouse improvement donations and plans, and unveiled the new logo for The Glen Golf Park.**

**Motion made by Miller Fienen, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made by Figueroa Cole, seconded by Miller Fienen, to Adjourn at 10:39PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.**