

Parks Board Minutes

MEETING Date: November 4, 2024, at 5 PM MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting on the 4th day of November 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Calling of roll and notice of absentees: The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Phil Kahn. Other Board members in attendance were David Hertz and Jake Shockley. Carla Krebs joined the meeting via phone. Also, in attendance were Scott Klein, Park Director, and Kim Eaglin, Park Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: Carla made a motion to accept the minutes from the October meeting as distributed. Jake seconded the motion, all approved. Motion carried.

Claims: Jake made a motion to accept the claims as presented. David seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business: Scott went over the 2025 rate changes. Second reading. The Board discussed Sunrise Golf Course fees. Scott reported that the Golf Board went through each of the changes, and they all agreed on them. They feel we can't keep operating as we have in the past.

Carla questioned the Campground fees for weekdays. She feels we should be competitive with the campgrounds around us.

The Board will vote on the fees read, discussed and advertised on Monday December 2nd.

Next on the agenda, the Board discussed meeting dates for 2025. After discussion on time of the meetings, they decided to vote on December 2nd.

Assistant Director Report: In Tanya's absence, Scott updated the Board on upcoming events. The Christmas Parade is fully sponsored, and applications are still coming in. The Father/daughter and Mother/son dances being held in Hunter Hall for November are sold out @ 160 per event.

Director's Report: Scott gave financials on the Campground. We did well in 2024. We are up \$44,000 net revenue from 2023. Our occupancy rate is low for the year. Scott has planned more advertising for 2025.

Scott updated the Board on Sunrise Golf Course financials. Food & beverage sales are up for 2024. Operations are down \$22,000 so far. Scott is hoping that we can offset that deficit with December sales. We are offering the purchase of season passes for 2025 at 2024 fees in December only.

Scott discussed some recent emails he had received on the donation of a bench by the Parks

Department. The Board likes the idea of citizens being able to purchase a bench and add a memorial plaque. They also feel everyone should pay the same fee. No donations.

Public Comment:

Jan Vetrhus asked the Board for the number of pool passes sold in 2024. Scott advised her that he would give Kim that information and she could pick it up at the Brown Gym. She feels we need to reduce the amount we are charging for the passes, and we would sell more.

Next meeting: Monday, December 2, 2024, at 5 PM in City Hall.

Adjourn: Jake made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Phil. All Approved. Motion carried.

Attested:

Parks Board President/Vice President

