



## Parks Board Minutes

**MEETING Date:** May 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM

**MEETING PLACE:** City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall.

**Calling of roll and notice of absentees:** The meeting was called to order by Board President Carla Krebs. Other Board members in attendance were Jake Shockley, David Hertz and Phil Kahn. Also, in attendance were Tanya Burnett, Director of Operations, Christian Hanson, Superintendent of Grounds, Brett Ricketts, Community Dev. Director, Whitney Burdzilauskas, Athletic Program Manager, Roger Gallatin, Sunrise Golf Pro and Linda Lee, Park Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** Phil made a motion to accept the minutes from the April meeting as distributed. David seconded the motion, all approved. Motion carried.

**Claims:** Carla made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Questions were raised about some of the Lowe's claims. The Board wanted to discuss the issue with Christian Hanson before approving the motion.

**Park Team Report:** Between the April and May meetings, a flood devastated the parks along the river front. Christian has been handling the flood remediation. Roger, Whitney and Brett have taken care of the regular work. The Dog Park was less damaged and has been open for a week. Crystal Beach is day to day. It is being readied for patching and painting. Mud in the lines is a concern when the pumps are started. Everything that could be moved prior to the flooding was moved to the 2nd floor of the building. The elevator should be repaired in time to open the pool. Kiwanis Park is on hold at this time. The fencing along Vaughn Drive will be removed in order to repair the wall. The outfield fence will also be taken out as it was destroyed. Hargan Mathews Park suffered significant damage. A specialist is coming to determine what to do with the turf that was damaged. Damon Welch Park is fine. The Campground has been scraped and cleaned up. The Campground and Crystal Beach should be ready to open Memorial Day weekend. There was 120T of infield mix ordered and spread for Rucker. The PA System, score boards and lights are ready. John Paul Park dugouts are done and the field was graded.

The Senior Center served meals and handed out 26 bags of produce. Ten people went on the Marengo day trip. The next day trip will be to Striker's Bowling Alley and Thiebaud Farm in Vevay, IN. Seventy May Day baskets were passed out to assisted living centers and nursing homes. There was a drop in the attendance of the blind for this month. The Carroll Co. Senior Center would like to take turns hosting and offering games for the seniors to participate in. Craft attendance was low during the Lenten season. In future, times may be changed to allow participation in both. Girls Inc. would like to partner with the Seniors during June and July. Ten to fifteen girls would come play bingo with the Seniors. Parade registration forms will be ready Friday. There will be five Movies in the Park. Moana 2 will be at Crystal Beach if possible.

We have a full league of baseball/softball teams. Opening night will be 5/14. Free popcorn and free freezer pops will be available, as well as a DJ and a face painter. Mike Watson, league director, is doing an incredible job with the program. BJ Geyman has built up the softball teams single handed. Football registrations are open. Tackle football has been added as it is offered in the league we participate in. There are 34 helmets that can be reconditioned, a lot have expired. We are in the process of hiring a football league director. Cheerleading numbers are growing. It is proving to be one of the most popular programs. New hire life guard training will be 5/31. We would like to develop life guards from our younger teens. There is a junior life guard program on Rec for those interested in signing up. There is a revised pool schedule in order to help with seasonal staffing. In the event of storms in the area, there is a 10 mile lightning policy. Decisions about closing the pool will be made by Whitney, Shelley and/or the head life guard. Rec update, everything is open to buy pool passes and book the Brown Gym or Crystal Beach. Hunter Hall is not available to book yet. Pool passes will be available prior to the pool opening for those who don't have smart phones.

Roger shared a spreadsheet detailing monies for March, April & May of 2025 in comparison to the same months in 2024 for review. Some golfing events had to be rescheduled due to the amount of standing water on the course. The MACC event is maxed out. The ORVC Conference is hosting play on Saturday with other persons playing. Arvin Sango and other leagues will play on Sunday late in the month. Two bridges are in need of repair and one is closed. If these bridges can be repaired in house, the expense will be less costly. The lightning policy for Sunrise is the same as Crystal Beach. An air horn will be sounded to clear the course.

Public Comment: Jan Vetrhus advised of a zoning change on Vaughn Drive from West St. to Ferry St. to allow commercial development. This may impact Hargan Mathews and Damon Welch parks. This may ultimately result in a change going west which may impact Kiwanis Park and the Dog Park.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 4 pm in City Hall.

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

Attested:



Parks Board President/Vice President

