



# MADISON PARKS AND RECREATION

## Parks Board Minutes

MEETING Date: September 3, 2025, at 4:00 pm

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 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 and Phil Kahn. Also, in attendance were Christian Hanson, Superintendent of Grounds, Roger Gattatin, Sunrise Golf Pro, and Linda Lee, Park Secretary.

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

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

**Park Team Report:** Christian reported that Dog Days at Crystal Beach were better than expected. However, the pool is running a negative balance. Labor is the biggest expense. Increasing Hunter Hall and pool rentals will help. The pool is in the process of winding down. This should be completed on Monday. Carla asked if the cups at the splash pad could be removed for winter. The Campground is booked full for 5 weekends. On 11/7 & 11/8, there are already 9 reservations. The Campground will be open until after the music festival closes. The Campground is currently \$97,000 to the positive. Possible additional revenue streams that the campground could be used for are camper storage. If that was implemented, additional safety measures should not be needed. Progress is being made at Sunrise on the grounds. Most of the aeration has been done. Rucker is good. No one has been hired at Rucker.

Reports were submitted by Brett Cahall on athletics and Brett Ricketts on Senior projects.

Roger advised that, even with the turf issues, golf course is doing better than last year. Season passes will help more at the end of the year. An increase in daily fee rates should be considered. Online bookings have picked up. Rates for out-of-towners could be increased to match Bell Terra. This will be revisited and talked about later. Upcoming events include the girl's sectional, Freedom Center, VSG, and boys baseball.

**Public Comment:** Lisa Ferguson advised she met many out-of-towners at the pool. Many were not aware that it was a public pool. Rates could be increased and signage is needed advising what the prices are. No other pools let in 6-year-olds for free. She suggested making 4 and under free. Rate changes need to be discussed now. Start a Friends of Crystal Beach to help encourage donations to the pool to help with replacing worn items. To have pickleball tournaments, six courts will be needed at Damon Welch Park. On 9/17, a memorial stone for Mary Kay McCubbin will be placed at the Sports Court as she was the force behind refurbishing that court. Jan Vetrhus advised sharing data and keeping everyone advised on pool topics. She suggested selling next year's pool passes now.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 4:00 pm in City Hall.

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

Attested:

Carla Eades Krebs

**Parks Board President/Vice President**

