



# MADISON PARKS AND RECREATION

## Parks Board Minutes

MEETING Date: October 1, 2025, at 4:00 pm

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting on the 1st day of October 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 Herts and Phil Kahn. Also, in attendance were Tanya Burnett, Director of Operations, Christian Hanson, Superintendent of Grounds, Roger Gattatin, Sunrise Golf Pro, and Linda Lee, Park Secretary.

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

**Claims:** Carla had questions about the claims. After clarification, Carla made a motion to accept the claims as presented. Jake seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Park Team Report:** Tanya reported on a salary shortfall. Money will be moved from chemicals, concessions and the Campground to cover Crystal Beach payroll. A Grant Award Letter was received from the Bethany Legacy Foundation to cover pool visits for families on SNAP or WIC for the 2025 season. A restructuring of Crystal Beach workers will eliminate some teenage head guards. There will be three pool managers, one head guard, and five guards. An adult will always be on duty at the pool. One person will be over both front desk and concessions. The Campground made a profit. Some of these funds will be used to cover Sunrise equipment leases, Rucker and Crystal Beach needs. Les and Natalie are getting a lot of good feedback on their running of the campground. They will return for the 2026 season. The contract will be signed in January.

Reports were submitted by Brett Cahall on athletics and Brett Ricketts on Seniors.

Christian reported work is continuing with closing Crystal Beach for the season. The contractor will fix cracks in the pool. The rain helped Sunrise Golf Course. Aeration will proceed in October. An account has been set up with the seed supplier. Winter work is scheduled. Rucker is hosting fall softball, football and soccer. A private group wants to fundraise to purchase sunshades for Hargan Mathews Park to go over the playground only. It was questioned if they would be willing to raise additional funds to cover future maintenance. Christian went on to commend the team on the work they've done this year.

Roger presented an update on his yearly comparisons. He advised there had been a 10% growth in September from last year. There have been 15 – 18 couples playing on a regular basis. Roger would like to start a couple's league. Rate increases for next year were briefly discussed until the board has a chance to review the proposed increases. Outside players have commented that the rates are unbelievably cheap. There has been positive feedback from the players on the course.



Hilary Beall with the DAR spoke about the DAR's relationship with John Paul Park. They created John Paul Park but turned it over to the city in the 1970's or 1980's. They would like to restart the JPP Conversancy project. They received a grant from the Community Foundation for phase 2 of engineering design work. They anticipate this being a 2 – 4 million dollar project to be funded by grants, public donations, and a fundraiser in 2026. The success of the funding will determine when the work starts. In a month or so, they will have an updated plan. They would like to have a walking path, water, bathrooms, storage area, including work on the ballpark with erosion control on the hillside and terracing and seating for the ballpark. They currently go twice a year and clean up the park. They are committed to JPP.

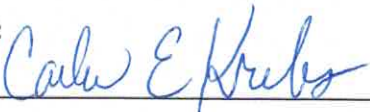
The campground season was extended until after the Mad Hop Festival. During the off season, the campground will be used for RV storage. No electricity or water will be available, storage only. The online booking system can be used to rent a spot for storage. Rates for storage were presented. Phil moved to accept the rates and David seconded the motion. The motion passed. Senior Center rental agreement based on the Hunter Hall rental agreement was presented. It will be voted on at the next meeting. The Food and Beverage Tax will start on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The mayor's office is sending out information to businesses on how to collect and pay the tax. One hundred percent of the tax will go to Parks and Rec. Tanya advised \$715,000 was projected for 2026.

**Public Comment:** Lisa Ferguson asked if the bids for Damon Welch Park had gone out or if they had gone out. Carla advised the grant was \$250,000 short of the amount needed and they were trying to eliminate some things.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 4:00 pm in City Hall.

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

Attested:



Parks Board President/Vice President

