



# MADISON PARKS AND RECREATION

## Parks Board Minutes

MEETING Date: June 4, 2025, at 4:00 PM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 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 David Hertz and Phil Kahn. Also, in attendance were Tanya Burnette, Director of Operations, Christian Hanson, Superintendent of Grounds, Roger Gallatin, Sunrise Golf Pro, and Linda Lee, Park Secretary.

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

**Claims:** Phil made a motion to accept the claims as presented after two inquiries. David seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Park Team Report:** Appropriation Reports were shared. It was noted that some line items had zero or negative balances and funds would need to be transferred to address that. Campground year to date has income of \$101,025.99. It dropped to \$80,000 and has regained \$20,000. Crystal Beach is busy. It brought in \$19,683.16 in five days. An amount of \$50,000 will be used to pay on the loan by the end of the month. P & L's for Campground and Crystal Beach will be ready for the July meeting. Roger is working on one for Sunrise. Whitney and Brett provided a sheet on programming and events, noting when various athletic events had or were kicking off, as well as what is upcoming, and including the next Movie in the Park, parade registration, meals and produce distributed and a Senior Farmer's Market at the Senior Center.

Christian addressed the need to perform basic repairs to one of the golf course bridges. Golfers are moving the barricaded and driving over the bridge. Repairs can be done in-house with less expense (\$1000-\$1500) than contracting it out. He is working with the street department to use some of their equipment to perform the repairs needed until the off season when the bridge can be more easily and completely repaired. Spears will return to do a walk through at Crystal Beach. The campground is ok. John Paul Park needs some work, additional infield mix. Men's league is working to obtain donated services from a tree service to work on lights and trim trees at JPP. Rucker is ok. Church League will start next week at Rucker.

Roger presented updated reports on rounds, green fees, cart fees, concessions at Sunrise. Though income was lower than his goal, it was more than last year. Wet days are still affecting income. Advertising the golf course through silent auctions in surrounding areas, offer a round for 4 to make others aware of the course. The 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program has gotten 25-30 online registrations. For those unable to register online, they should come to the Pro Shop. The PGA Jr. League will follow the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee Program. Thirty-five junior high golfers have come to the course this year. Senior High golfers could assist Jr. High golfers, thereby allowing the Jr. High golfers to look up to them. This could build a feeder program for Varsity golfers. The Volunteer Firemen are on the schedule. Two persons/businesses are interested in sponsorships. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$1200.

Les and Natalie Hook, campground attendants, advised the campground is doing as well as can be expected since flood recovery. Reservations have been consistent. They are working on ideas to encourage reservations Monday – Thursday. There is an area of sod that isn't doing as well but Les hopes to mow next week.

At the City Council meeting, Spear presented the National Award for Best Pool. Crystal Beach was his first win.

Glen Schelte from the tree board advised that the tree board had obtained a \$50,000 grant to plant trees in Madison. Fifteen 2" diameter trees will be planted at Johnson Lake. These will be native trees (but not maple) since the grant is from IDNR. Other trees will be planted on west 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Heritage Trail. The mayor thanked the tree board for obtaining the grant that will cover the cost of the trees, mulch rings and water bags.


**Public Comment:** Lisa Ferguson would like the board to consider increasing the hours that Crystal Beach is open to allow working families an opportunity to access the pool. She asked if Bethany Circle or someone else could sponsor lifeguards for longer hours. It was also suggested that, if they aren't posted, the cost and hours of operation as well as noting this is a public pool should be posted. This information should also be on the website. Tanya will check the front of the pool to see if the information is posted there. Jan Vetrhus advised neighbors of Damon Welch Park would like a meeting held at the park to discuss plans such as was done for Oakhill Park and Gaines Park. The plans for the park could be presented at the meeting to all those neighbors.

Carla advised that night pickleball is averaging 25-35 people. She asked about the cost to add another night, what would be the cost of supervisor, until the outdoor courts are ready. The Brown Gym is also used for basketball and volleyball so available nights could be a problem. Carla asked that it be considered in the future.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 4 pm in City Hall

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

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Parks Board President/Vice President

