



# MADISON *Indiana*

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## Parks Board Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2023 at 5 PM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting this 6th day of March 2023 at 5:00 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, Jake Shockley and Phil Kahn. Also, in attendance were: Parks Director, Matt Woolard; and Park's Secretary, Kim Eaglin.

**Approval of Minutes:** Phil made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting as distributed. David 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.

**Project Updates:** Matt gave updates on Oakhill and Gaines Park. Oakhill is progressing nicely and is on track to be completed by Memorial Day. Donations so far total over \$379,000. Gaines Park groundbreaking Celebration was held February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The theme colors are purple and butterscotch which match the former Broadway School that used to be in the park. Donations so far total \$250,000. Work will begin soon on fencing and tree removal.

**Director's Report:** Matt announced our city campground revenue is up 19% from 2022. Roger Gallatin, Golf Pro, is hosting the First Tee Program once again this summer. We had 35 participants in 2022. Registration is online @ [firstteeindiana.org](http://firstteeindiana.org) or in person at the Pro shop. We had over 30 Madison High School student volunteers clean up the Golf Course and the riverfront. We hauled away over 2 truckloads of debris. The Dale Roger Studio flight exhibit will be set up in March & will remain through October in Bicentennial Park. The ribbon cutting for this exhibit will be March 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**Public comment:** Christian Cable came forward because he feels we aren't utilizing our Parks to full potential. He has seen our numbers go down since Covid. Will Jacobs came forward and wants to promote tackle football earlier to possibly get more participants. He suggested placing yard signs around Madison at local businesses. Matt said he would discuss the idea with our Communications Director.

**Next meeting:** Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5 PM

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

Attested:

Parks Board President/Vice President