

PARKS BOARD MINUTES

Monday, November 7th, 2022

5:00 p.m. – City Hall

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting this 7th day of November 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Phil Kahn. Other board members present were David Hertz and Jake Shockley. Also in attendance were: Mayor Courtney, Matt Woolard, Roger Gallatin, Doug Buckler and Kim Eaglin.

Approval of Minutes

David made a motion to accept the minutes/claims from the October meeting as distributed. Jake seconded the motion, all approved. Motion carried.

Claims Approval

Jake made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. David seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business

Matt spoke next on our campground attendant, Doug Buckler. He has done an awesome job for the second year in a row. Matt recommended Doug for 2023 and mentioned the campground continues to be profitable. He proceeded to read the campground attendant contract. David made a motion to award the campground attendant contract to Doug Buckler for 2023. Seconded by Jake. All approved. Motion carried.

Next, Matt read the proposed Board meeting dates for 2023. The Park Board will meet on the first Monday of the month, unless that falls on a Holiday and then it will be the first Wednesday at 5:00pm in City hall. Jake made a motion to approve the meeting dates as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda, presented by Matt, a proposal of fees for 2023. We will vote on these fees Monday, December 5th.

Campground:

Increase Riverfront, Riverview and Premium weekends 6-7.3 %. Inflation is hovering around 8%. We are not immune to the repercussions it has on our facilities. Matt proposes to leave the Weekday rates the same for 2023. Mayor Courtney spoke of the positive trends and improvements at the campground because of reinvesting the profits made there.

Sunrise Golf Course:

	<u>2023 Proposal</u>	<u>2021/2022 Rate Structure</u>
7 Day Unlimited Pass: <u>Sunday thru Saturday</u>	\$ 800.00	\$ 750.00
Add Spouse: <u>Sunday thru Saturday</u>	\$ 535.00	\$ 500.00
College Pass: <u>Sunday thru Friday</u> <i>*Over 18 to 24 years old and enrolled in College classes</i>	\$ 300.00	\$ 250.00
College Team Pass: <u>Sunday thru Friday</u> <i>*Includes 10 players; \$200 for each additional player</i>	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
Junior Pass: <u>Sunday thru Friday</u> <i>*Under 18 years old and or enrolled in Highschool</i>	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
Cart Trail Fee: <u>Sunday thru Saturday</u>	\$ 650.00	\$ 625.00
Cart Barn Storage: <i>*Good for the 2023 calendar year</i>	\$ 350.00	\$ 300.00

Proposed Daily Fee Rates for 2023

	<u>18 Holes w/ Cart</u>	<u>9 Holes w/ Cart</u>	<u>18 Holes w/cart</u>
Weekend	\$40.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
Weekday	\$35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.00
Sr. Rate (Weekday only)	\$28.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 28.00
Twilight after 2:00 PM - Weekend	\$35.00	\$ 25.00	
Twilight after 2:00 PM - Weekday	\$ 0.00	\$ 23.00	
Weekday League Fee	N/A	\$ 20.00	
Cart Rental fee - 18 holes	\$ 5.00		\$ 15.00
Cart Rental fee - 9 holes	\$13.00		\$ 13.00

Matt reported operational costs at the golf course are still too high. Reduced from 750K in 2020 to roughly 570K in 2022, but without adequate revenue to offset, we need to make more drastic cuts. This facility should be financially solvent. Mayor Courtney reported he is happy with the progress so far in technology, deferred maintenance and increasing tournament play but we are still in the deficit and need to make more changes.

Program Coordinator Report

Youth volleyball has a few weeks left & has been successful this year. We had 66 girls participate for 2022. Boys and girls youth basketball practice has begun. Adding nightly pickleball has been worthwhile. We have 43 signed up so far. A costume party was held at our last senior dance at the Brown Gym. Gift cards were given to the winners by local businesses.

Park Director Report

Matt updated the Board on various things going on in the Parks. Several improvements have been made at John Paul Park, Pearl Park and Oakhill.

Demolition has begun on Crystal Beach pool. The pool house renovation is nearly complete. Current hold up is with the elevator.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Courtney is very pleased with the direction our parks are heading. This all happens with focus, planning, donations and volunteers.

1. Multi- million dollar pool
2. Madison/Hanover connector trail
3. Overlook on Vaughn Drive
4. Beautification of our "Gateway" into Madison
5. Oakhill Park
6. Gaines Park
7. Newly formed partnership with American Queen

Public Comments

Lisa Ferguson came forward with information on the newly formed group who are preserving, planning and protecting Pearl Park. They could use more volunteers. They meet at the Park on Wednesdays at 10am.

With no additional business, David made a motion to adjourn. Jake seconded the motion, all approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting will be Monday, December 5th, 2022 @ 5:00pm in City Hall.