

## Parks Board Minutes

MEETING Date: December 2, 2024, at 5 PM

MEETING PLACE: City Hall- Council Chambers

The City of Madison Parks Board held its monthly meeting on the 2nd day of December 2024 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 Phil Kahn, David Hertz and Jake Shockley. Also, in attendance were Scott Klein, Park Director, and Kim Eaglin, Park Secretary.

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

**New Business:** Scott went over the 2025 rate changes. Carla made a motion to approve the rate changes as presented. Phil seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda, David made a motion to set the meeting days and times for 2025 as the first Wednesday of the month at 4pm in City Hall. Carla seconded the motion. All approved. Motion carried.

**Assistant Director Report:** In Tanya's absence, Scott updated the Board on upcoming events. The Christmas Parade is fully sponsored, and we have plenty of volunteers. The Father/daughter and Mother/son dances held in Hunter Hall were a success. Looking into holding another one in the spring.

**Director's Report:** Scott updated the Board on possible new reservation software. The current one we use is outdated and not user friendly. We have been looking at a group called Rec. Very accommodating to our ever-changing needs in the Parks.

Scott updated the Board on Sunrise Golf Course financials. Food & beverage sales are up for 2024. Operations are down \$131,000 so far. Scott is hoping that we can offset that deficit with December sales. We are offering the purchase of season passes for 2025 at 2024 fees in December only. The Board asked about the deficit. Scott informed them most of it is expenses. Our payroll is extremely high, and we also had 3 paydays in November. Carla asked how many Tee sponsors we have sold so far. Scott said we have 8 sold. We have several more to offer. The Board asked for a more detailed financial report that includes payroll. Scott agreed to email it to them soon.

AK Enterprises had a meeting with Scott. Kenny Higbie has purchased a building on Madison's hilltop. He wants to offer skating, cornhole, RC track for racing and a concession stand. He would like to rent our roller skates. They will meet again when Mr. Higbie has more details.

**Public Comment:**

Ken McWilliams came forward complimenting the hard work and dedication of Christian Hanson, Sunrise Golf Course superintendent. He worked hard and was able to save our greens during the super-hot conditions we had this summer.

**Next meeting:** Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 4 PM in City Hall.

**Adjourn:** Carla made a motion to adjourn. David seconded the motion. All Approved. Motion carried.

Attested:

Carla Krebs

Parks Board President/Vice President

