



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

5:30 PM

Heritage Center Lower Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
or virtually by zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Chris James, Alex DeSmidt.

Others Present: Angela West Blank.

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, STEFANIE BROUWER and
NANCY BOGUE

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-084](#)

Minutes of the May 25, 2022 Park Commission

Attachments: [2022 MIN-084 PC Minutes 05-25-22](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2022
RES-047](#) NAMING THE NORTH MENDOTA NATURAL RESOURCE AREA IN THE
TOWN OF WESTPORT WAAKIKIŽU NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Sponsors: KIEFER, RIPP, RITT, SCHAUER, ENGELBERGER and JOERS

Attachments: [2022 RES-047](#)
[2022 RES-047 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

2. [2022 RES-050](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TENNIS COURT PAVEMENT RESTORATION, RESURFACING, FENCING AND ACCESSORIES AT GOODLAND COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2022 RES-050](#)
[2022 RES-050 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2022 RES-050 CONTRACT #14772](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

- [2022 RPT-095](#) Goodland County Park Tennis & Basketball Courts Restoration

Attachments: [Goodland County Park Tennis & Basketball Courts Restoration](#)

3. [2022 RES-051](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ADDENDUM FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sponsors: RIPP, RATCLIFF and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2022 RES-051](#)
[2022 RES-051 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

4. [2022 RES-067](#) AUTHORIZING LAND RESTORATION SPECIALIST PROJECT POSITION - LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Sponsors: RIPP, ENGELBERGER and SMITH

Attachments: [2022 RES-067](#)
[2022 RES-067 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

1. Meet Groundswell Conservancy Executive Director Angela West Blank

Angela West Blank introduced herself and shared her background. She noted that Groundswell Conservancy cherishes the partnership with the Dane County Park Commission and the Conservation Fund Grant program. Park Commissioners and Dane County Park staff introduced themselves and noted they are looking forward to working with Angela and continuing to partner with Groundswell Conservancy.

G. Reports to Committee

1. McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park shelter and parking lot project update

Construction will start soon on a paved parking lot with storm water treatment facilities, a new timber frame shelter, and drinking fountain at McCarthy Youth & Conservation Park County Park. The original construction completion date was this fall, but given the current construction climate, it may push back to the spring of 2023. The vault toilet in the park will remain.

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RPT-118](#)

McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park Shelter Site Plan

Attachments: [McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park Shelter Site Plan](#)

2. Lower Yahara River Trail phase 2 planning update

The Lower Yahara River Trail phase 2 construction documents are nearing completion. The project is a bit behind schedule due to a change in the trail alignment through Lake Kegonsa State Park. The plan is to solicit proposals for construction administration soon and let bids this winter with construction starting in 2023.

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RPT-116](#)

Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 2 Planning Update Exhibits

Attachments: [LYRT Phase 2 Planning Update Exhibits](#)

3. Salmo Pond construction update

The parking lot and vault restroom construction project is complete. Park operation staff removed the old vault toilet and installed the new vault, which is precise work. Dane County Parks is very lucky to have such a talented and knowledgeable crew. Staff and volunteers planted over 1,700 native plant plugs in the new stormwater basins. The project also included pathway improvements to the fishing piers and added a new picnic table as part of the Dan Wisniewski Accessible Fishing Area. A memorial boulder will be placed on site later this summer and a small dedication ceremony may be planned with the family at a later date.

[2022
RPT-117](#)

Salmo Pond Construction Photos and Dan Wisniewski Accessible Fishing Area Plans

Attachments: [Salmo Pond Construction Photos and Dan Wisniewski Accessible Fishing Area Plans](#)

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 22 - Stewart Lake County Park
July 15

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Closed Session

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **BOGUE**, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair **RIPP**, First Vice Chair **THORESEN**, **MORAN**, **BROUWER** and **BOGUE**

Excused: 2 - Supervisor **EICHER** and **GOFORTH**

CLOSED SESSION: The Park Commission entered into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): The Commission may go into closed session for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

L. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by **MORAN**, seconded by **BOGUE**, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair **RIPP**, First Vice Chair **THORESEN**, **MORAN**, **BROUWER** and **BOGUE**

Excused: 2 - Supervisor **EICHER** and **GOFORTH**

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by **THORESEN**, seconded by **BROUWER**, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:52 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.