



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, September 28, 2022

5:30 PM

Morton Forest
5169 Reeve Rd
Mazomanie, WI 53560

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

Staff present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Lael Pascual, Alex DeSmidt, Sharene Smith.

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, KRISTIE GOFORTH and NANCY BOGUE

Excused: 3 - ANALIESE EICHER, GRACE MORAN and STEFANIE BROUWER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)

[MIN-299](#)

Minutes of the September 14, 2022 Park Commission

Attachments: [2022 MIN-299 PC Minutes 09-14-22](#)

[9-14-22 PC Virtual Registration Report](#)

[9-14-22 PC In Person Registration Forms](#)

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

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2022
RES-192](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR WETLAND RESTORATION AT WALKING
IRON COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: RIPP, RITT and DOOLAN

Attachments: [2022 RES-192](#)
[2022 RES-192 As Amended by Park Commission on 9-28-2022](#)
[2022 RES-192 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2022 RES-192 CONTRACT #14859](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be amended on line 7 to correct the property name to Walking Iron Wildlife Area. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

[2022
RES-193](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR GOODLAND PARK ROOF REPLACEMENTS

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2022 RES-193](#)
[2022 RES-193 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2022 RES-193 CONTRACT #14852](#)
[2022 RES-193 SIGNED COPY](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

[2022
RES-194](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LAKE FARM SHELTERS 2&3 ROOF
REPLACEMENTS

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2022 RES-194](#)
[2022 RES-194 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2022 RES-194 CONTRACT #14853](#)
[2022 RES-194 SIGNED COPY](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

[2022 RES-199](#) AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR STREAM CORRIDOR RESTORATION DESIGN FOR BLACK EARTH CREEK AT WALKING IRON COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: RIPP, RITT and DOOLAN

Attachments: [2022 RES-199](#)
[2022 RES-199 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2022 RES-199 CONTRACT #14858](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

[2022 RES-200](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY, TOWN OF DUNKIRK AND DUNKIRK DAM LAKE DISTRICT

Sponsors: MCGINNITY, RIPP, CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2022 RES-200](#)
[2022 RES-200 Fiscal Note](#)
[2022 RES-200 Area MAP](#)
[2022 RES-200 Closeup MAP](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. 2023 Park Fees

[2022 ACT-139](#) 2023 Proposed Fee Changes - Revision for Fee-Based Recurring Programs

Attachments: [2023 Proposed Fee Changes - Revision for Fee-Based Recurring Programs](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BOGUE, that the new fee-based recurring program permit level and fee be approved as proposed, which was revised on 9-23-2022 based on feedback received at the public hearing. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

[2022](#)
[ACT-124](#) Proposed 2023 Fee Changes

Attachments: [Proposed 2023 Fee Changes](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by THORESEN, that the remaining 2023 proposed fee changes be approved as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 3-1, with Chair RIPP voting no.

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Lussier County Park - Ganser Addition, Recreation Park Classification

Clayton Ganser sold 80-acres to Dane County and retained a life estate on the property. Now the life estate has been terminated, the property is being classified as a Recreation Park as part of Lussier County Park.

[2022](#)
[RPT-374](#) Lussier County Park - Ganser Addition Map

Attachments: [Lussier County Park - Ganser Addition](#)

2. History and Overview of Morton Forest

The Morton family purchased 81 acres in 1953 and added the adjacent 39 acres in 1962. In 1999 Stephen Morton generously donated the property to Dane County Parks with a life estate, to preserve the land as a quiet, peaceful hiking and bird-watching property. In 2014, in collaboration with the Madison Community Foundation, Stephen Morton created a permanent endowment fund to support Morton Forest. Stephen Morton relinquished the life estate in 2016, officially opening the property to the public. The property has three unique scenic overlooks.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

October 26 - McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park
November 9 - Heritage Center Lower Level Hybrid

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 THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, GOFORTH and BOGUE

Excused: 4 - Supervisor EICHER, MORAN, BROUWER and CAI

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 THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, GOFORTH and BOGUE

Excused: 4 - Supervisor EICHER, MORAN, BROUWER and CAI

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by THORESEN, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:03 PM.

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