



# 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, May 11, 2022

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
instructions

---

#### A. Call To Order

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

*Youth Governance Member Present: Emily Cai.*

*Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Lael Pascual, Sharene Smith, Ryan Schwab  
(by phone).*

**Present:** 7 - ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE  
GOFORTH, STEFANIE BROUWER and NANCY BOGUE

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)  
[MIN-035](#)

Minutes of the Wednesday, April 27, 2022 Park Commission

**Attachments:** [2022 MIN-035 PC MINUTES 4-27-22](#)

[PC Registrants 4-27-2022](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by MORAN, that the Minutes be  
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

#### C. Fund Transfers - None

#### D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2022](#)  
[RES-027](#)

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT  
AND PHEASANT STAMP FUNDS FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES FOR WALKING IRON WILDLIFE AREA  
RESTORATION

**Sponsors:** RIPP, CHAWLA, DOOLAN and RITT

**Attachments:** [2022 RES-027](#)

[2022 RES-027 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution  
Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a  
voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

- 2. [2022 RES-028](#) AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WAUCHEETA CONNECTOR TRAIL

**Sponsors:** RIPP, HUELSEMANN, CHAWLA, EICHER, BARE and RITT

**Attachments:** [2022 RES-028](#)  
[2022 RES-028 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **THORESEN**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

**E. Items Requiring Committee Action**

- 1. Renaming Waakikizu Natural Resource Area

*The Waunakee Community Middle School shared a video with the Park Commission discussing how the project was incorporated into their curriculum:  
<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFAUUQFdqg/tiTsHjJTN26q4yayYFTLEQ/watch>*

[2022 ACT-009](#) Renaming Waakikizu Natural Resource Area

**Attachments:** [Renaming Waakikizu Natural Resource Area](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **THORESEN**, to direct staff to prepare a resolution to rename this parcel to the Waakikizu Natural Resource Area. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

- 2. Approve Endowment Distribution Requests from the Madison Community Foundation

[2022 ACT-008](#) MCF Endowment Distribution Request

**Attachments:** [MCF Endowment Distribution Request](#)

A motion was made by **GOFORTH**, seconded by **BROUWER**, to authorize the Parks Director to make a grant disbursement request from the Madison Community Foundation's Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment for \$23,380.76 and the Stephen D Morton Fund for Morton Forest for \$15,676.25. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

**F. Presentations**

## 1. Property stabilization at Indian Lake County Park - building demo

*Dane County purchased this 295 acre property in early 2021 and added it to Indian Lake County Park. The house, barn and smaller outbuildings were removed this spring. Several area fire departments participated in training exercises in the house before the final burn. Staff discussed the permitting process, the testing and removal of hazardous materials, and the recycling process for salvageable building materials.*

*Dane County Parks has started a property planning process for Indian Lake County Park and Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area located in the Northwestern part of Dane County, Wisconsin. The planning process will include inventorying significant cultural, historical and natural features as well as provide future land management and park development recommendations through a consensus building process.*

## G. Reports to Committee

### 1. Update on access and equity projects

*Last fall, the County Board Office contracted with Keen Independent Research to conduct a program evaluation of equity and access in Dane County Parks and Henry Vilas Zoo to gain a better understanding of the demographics of who is currently using our Parks and Zoo, who is not visiting and what the barriers are, and provide recommendations. Keen Independent has conducted virtual internal stakeholder interviews and is planning to hold on-site surveys with parks and zoo users on June 3, 4 and 5 at Law Park, Indian Lake County Park, the Henry Vilas Zoo, WG Lunney Lake Farm Park, and the Lower Yahara River Trail.*

*Madison Metro Transit is going through a route update. In our analysis of Dane County Park access, we found the following regarding the redesign: Access to Mendota County Park remains the same. Access to Cherokee Marsh and the Ice Age Junction is somewhat improved with closer proximity, but still some distance away, and only during peak hours for Cherokee. Access to Lake View Hill park is somewhat reduced. Access to the Jenny and Kyle Preserve which explicitly serves youth and people with disabilities has been removed. The disconnect of this important park should be reconsidered. Access to Tenney Park Lock and Dam has also been removed with no direct service.*

*Dane County Parks is working with the Sierra Club Wisconsin Chapter and YWCA to put together a pilot shuttle service that will include WG Lunney Lake Farm Park, the Alliant Energy Center and the Henry Vilas Zoo.*

## H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

May 16 - Indian Lake Property Plan PIM at the Heritage Center / hybrid virtual

May 19 - Anderson Dog Park Ribbon Cutting

May 25 - Park Commission Meeting at Walking Iron County Park (Beckman Rd entrance)

May 27 - Waakikizu Natural Resource Area Renaming Press Event with Waunakee Middle School

June 6 - Indian Lake Property Plan PIM at the Town of Berry Town Hall Shelter

June 8 - Park Commission Meeting at the Heritage Center / hybrid virtual

**I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**K. Adjourn**

A motion was made by **BOGUE**, seconded by **MORAN**, that the Park Commission Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

*Meeting adjourned 6:27 PM.*

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