



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, April 27, 2022

5:30 PM

Prairie Moraine County Park
6679 Wesner Ln, Verona, WI 53593

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Youth Governance Member Present: Emily Cai.

Staff Present: Laura Hicklin, Joleen Stinson, Lael Pascual, Lars Higdon.

Prairie Moraine Friends Board Members Present: Dave Jelinski, Tom Toomey, Lorna Goshman, Pat Hermsen, Jay Brooks.

Others present: Gary Warner (Ice Age Trail Alliance), Rae McCormick, Matt Karcher, Eric Selje, Anissa Fellenz, Priscilla Polk, Marcy Doelp.

Present: 6 - ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE GOFORTH and NANCY BOGUE

Excused: 1 - STEFANIE BROUWER

B. Announcements

Chair Ripp presented youth in governance program member Emily Cai with a Dane County Parks swag bag as a thank you for her participation this school year.

C. Consideration of Minutes

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MIN-010](#)

Minutes of the April 13, 2022 Park Commission

Attachments: [2022 MIN-10 PC MINUTES 04-13-22](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

D. Fund Transfers - None

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

F. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

G. Presentations

1. Prairie Moraine Friends, Inc

Prairie Moraine Friends President Dave Jelinski introduced the Prairie Moraine Friends board, provided a history of the group's incorporation, and summarized their partnerships and projects. They logged roughly 3,000 volunteer hours from 82 different volunteers in 2021. He introduced and thanked Matt Karcher, the stone seating area donor. Gary Warner spoke about the Ice Age Trail Alliance's volunteer work in the park.

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Prairie Moraine Friends Restoration Handout

Attachments: [Prairie Moraine Friends Restoration Handout](#)

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RPT-031](#)

DCP Restoration Factsheet

Attachments: [DCP Restoration Factsheet](#)

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RPT-030](#)

DCP Restoration FAQs

Attachments: [DCP Restoration FAQs](#)

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Marcy Doelp requested that none of the plants planted in the park be toxic to dogs. Rae McCormick shared her history volunteering with the pollinator garden. Anissa Fellenz spoke in opposition of the restoration work in the park, asked what benefits prairies have to a dog park and requested additional workday notifications.

I. Reports to Committee

1. North Mendota Natural Resource Area Naming Update

Last year, Supervisor Timothy Kiefer attended a Park Commission meeting with a request to have Waunakee Middle School students come up with names for North Mendota Natural Resource Area. The students came up with a list of five options. All of the potential names were Ho-Chunk language words and students narrowed down the options with help from representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation. They were then voted on by the students. The winner of the middle school election was Waakikižu Natural Resource Area.

2. Earth Day and Arbor Day Event Recap

Dane County Parks coordinated with other departments to collaboratively promote all of the Earth Day and Arbor Day activities, including both public and nonpublic events. Programs were advertised on the Land and Water Resources Department website: <https://lwr.d.countyofdane.com/earthday>.

[2022](#) Earth Day & Arbor Day Recap 2022
[RPT-028](#)

Attachments: [Earth Day & Arbor Day Recap 2022](#)

J. Future Meeting Items and Dates

May 11 - Virtual

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

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

L. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:38 PM.

M. Tour of Park Restoration Work and Donated Seating Area

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