



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 24, 2020

5:30 PM

William G. Lunney Lake Farm County Park
4330 Libby Road, Shelter #2
Madison WI 53711

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A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Sharene Smith, Chris James, Lael Pascual, John Reimer, Lacie McMannis, Chad Haanen, Darren Marsh

Others Present: Friends of Capital Springs - Dan Kerkman, Bill Lunney, Judie Pfeifer

Meeting called to order by Chair RIPP at 5:30 pm with all participants at least 6 feet apart.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) PC MINUTES_6-10-20
[MIN-072](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-072](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes of June 10, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2020
RES-112](#)AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROBERTSON ROAD PHOTOVOLTAIC
SOLAR ARRAY

Sponsors: RATCLIFF

Attachments: [2020 RES112](#)
[2020 RES-112 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: 6/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**F. Presentations - None****G. Reports to Committee**

1. Friends of Capital Springs

The Friends were represented by Judie Pfeifer, Bill Lunney and Dan Kerkman. Judie Pfeifer provided a brief background of the history of the county/state partnership for the Capital Springs Recreation Area and its eight subunits. Pfeifer explained how the land ownership is split pretty evenly between Dane County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. There is a master plan for the Capital Springs Recreation Area that was approved by both the state and county in 2010. The plan provides guidance for the overall development of facilities. There is also a management agreement identifying who will be the lead agency for various aspects of the plan. Dane County generally is the lead agency for the management of the Capital Springs Recreation Area. The Friends of Capital Springs Recreation incorporated in 2004 as a non-profit entity and supports the Capital Springs Recreation Area. For the last 9-years the Friends have received a grant from MMSD to help cover the cost of a part-time naturalist. This position has provided for outreach and engagement with the community with events and operations of the Prairie Learning Center. The naturalist works with the county to support the County 'Get Outdoors' program working with area community centers and other school age youth interested in outdoor education. Bill Lunney discussed the history of William G. Lunney Lake Farm Park starting with its purchase in 1974. It was the first property purchased by the County's first newly hired professionally trained park staff. Lunney discussed the cultural significance of the park and entire Lake Farm Archeological District, noting that it's on the National Register for Historic Places. Dane County Parks and the Friends have worked with the Ho Chunk Nation to help understand and respect their long history on these lands. Lunney covered his six pillars of a park system: Mother Nature, the Community, Government Resources, Stewards of the Land, Professional Staff, and Committed Volunteers. Dan Kerkman covered restoration projects and trail development throughout the recreation area. He's the leading volunteer for field activities at Capital Springs and helps oversee many of the larger volunteer work parties. One of the primary trail projects he has been planning is a 200 foot boardwalk for the Waucheeta Trail linkage connecting to Capital Springs Park. The new trail will link to Goodland Park via Waucheeta Trail and Waubesa Avenue, and may help elevate local issues with bikers using Lake Farm Road. Other trail projects include Jenni and Kyle Preserve, and connections to the Indian Springs Neighborhood.

[2020
RPT-087](#) Friends Educational Resources

Attachments: [Friends Educational Resources](#)

[2020
RPT-089](#) SIX PILLARS OF PARKS

Attachments: [Six Pillars of Parks](#)

[2020
RPT-088](#) OUTLINE NOTES LUNNEY LAKE FARM

Attachments: [Outline Notes Lunney Lake Farm County Park](#)

2. Indian Lake Restoration Plan

Marsh provided a handout on an Oak Savanna restoration project that will be moving forward at Indian Lake County Park. The Friends of Indian Lake are working with parks staff to expand their current restoration around the chapel another 17 acres to the south and east. The site includes remnant pockets of prairie that are being totally overtaken by invasive species. The project will get a boost with the assistance of a logger to help remove invasive trees and other non-desirable trees from the site. This will greatly help the volunteer efforts so they don't have to remove the trees and find locations to take the wood. The logger will start as early as this week and will complete the harvest by July 15, 2020. Staff are aware that this is a busy park use period. To mitigate issues, signage will be installed in a number of places in the park to provide information on the project. There may be times when trails are temporarily closed or rerouted to make sure that park patrons stay a safe distance from the timber harvest.

[2020
RPT-091](#) INDIAN LAKE SIGNS

Attachments: [Indian Lake Signs](#)

[2020
RPT-090](#) INDIAN LAKE MAP

Attachments: [Indian Lake Map](#)

3. Phase 1 Yahara River Dredge Project - John Reimer

John Reimer discussed that the first phase of the County's Yahara River Dredging Project will start soon. A dredging contractor has been secured and has spent the last month preparing to dredge the section of river between Lake Monona to Upper Mud Lake to the railroad trestle leading to Lake Waubesa. The contractor has been staging at W.G Lunney Lake Farm boat launch and Monona's Lottes Park boat launch. They have been installing about three miles of 12" plastic pipe that will pump a slurry of sand and water back to a dewatering site on the Madison Metropolitan Sewer District property. There is a large booster pump setup and visible next to Nine Springs Creek at the Lewis Nine Springs E-Way parking lot. Additional booster pumps are located along the three mile stretch of pipe and keep the sand slurry moving through the full distance of the pipe. Reimer mentioned the County has five total phases to clear a channel in the River. To make sure that the project can stay on schedule, the County will purchase its own dredge equipment by the end of this year.

[2020 RPT-094](#) YAHARA DREDGING 0472

Attachments: [Yahara Dredging 0472](#)

[2020 RPT-093](#) YAHARA DREDGING 0447

Attachments: [Yahara Dredging 0447](#)

[2020 RPT-092](#) YAHARA RIVER PROPOSED SEDIMENT REMOVAL

Attachments: [Yahara River Proposed Sediment Removal](#)

4. Parks COVID-19 Information

Marsh provided a brief update on protocols for managing park facility use including the use of park shelters following the Forward Dane Guidelines.

H. Announcements - None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Virtual Meeting July 8th

Proposed Outdoor Meeting and Tour at Pheasant Branch on July 22nd

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

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Park Commission members toured the following locations in individual vehicles. No official business was conducted.

**Libby Road Shop
Pay Kiosk Station (CCT/LYRT Parking Lot)
Solar Project Locations
Recreation Area**

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darren Marsh. Minutes are subject to committee approval.