



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Park Commission

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Wednesday, March 9, 2016

5:30 PM

Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Conference Room AB  
Madison, WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

**Excused:** 3 - KYLE RICHMOND, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

*Supervisor Schlaefer was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was present as noted below.*

*Staff present: Darren Marsh, Sara Rigelman, Laura Hicklin, Jan Zimmermann*

*Others present: None*

*Schlaefer arrived at 5:42pm.*

*Meeting called to order by Lunney at 5:35pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) 2015 MIN-659\_2-24-16 PC MINUTES  
[MIN-659](#)

**Attachments:** [2015 MIN-659 2-24-16 PC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by RIPP, that the February 24, 2016 Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0**

**Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

**Excused:** 3 - Supervisor RICHMOND, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

#### C. Fund Transfers - None

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

[2015  
RES-494](#)

AUTHORIZING A RAPID RESPONSE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS) GRANT FOR INDIAN LAKE FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCE

**Sponsors:** RIPP, BAYRD, CLAUSIUS, de FELICE, DOWNING, DYE, ERICKSON, FERRELL, GILLIS, JONES, KIEFER, KOLAR, KRAUSE, LEVIN, MATANO, McCARVILLE, MILES, NELSON, O'LOUGHLIN, PAN, PERTL, RICHMOND, RITT, RUSK, SALOV, SCHAUER, SCHMIDT, STUBBS, VELDRAN, WEGLEITNER, WILLETT and ZWEIFEL

**Attachments:** [2015 RES-494](#)  
[2015 RES-494 Fiscal Note](#)

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0**

**Ayes:** 4 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

**Excused:** 3 - Supervisor RICHMOND, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

**E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**

**F. Presentations - None**

**G. Reports to Committee**

1. Crop Lease - Friends of Silverwood Park

*Hicklin explained that our plan is to create a long-term lease agreement for the Friends of Silverwood County Park that takes into account the goals and aspirations of the Friends as outlined in the draft Park Master Plan. As we work towards a long-term lease agreement, staff recommends moving forward with a short-term agricultural lease that allows the Friends to continue with their agricultural programming at the site. The agricultural lease will be similar in nature to other agricultural leases currently being used by the county.*

*Schlaefer arrived at 5:42pm.*

**Present:** 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and MARY SCHLAEFER

**Excused:** 2 - KYLE RICHMOND and TOM THORESEN

## 2. Wildlife Areas - Planned to Open in 2016

*Rigelman provide an overview map identifying the properties that would be opened as County Wildlife Areas in 2016. Each of these Wildlife Areas will have a public information meeting within the local municipality. The list included lands within the following properties:*

*Fish Lake Natural Resource Area  
Crystal Lake Welsch/Schwartz Acquisition 77.5 Acres  
Mud Lake 54 Acres – Identified in the Fish Lake NRA Master Plan  
Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area  
Upper Yahara River – Bollig Property 81 Acres  
Sugar River Natural Resource Area – Basco Unit  
Neperud Property 101 Acres*

## 3. Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment

*Lunney provided an update on the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment Committee. The Committee is currently exploring its purpose and analyzing the pros and cons of creating a charitable organization. The group has done an outstanding job fundraising to grow the new Endowment with Madison Community Foundation and would like to see this effort continue. The Committee is targeting two types of events in 2016:*

*Healthy Parks Tour – highlight and promote county parks and their Friends Groups  
Fall Fundraiser – Promoting the health benefits of parks.*

## 4. Events

- i. March 19th Maple Syrup workshop – Schumacher Farm*
- ii. March 26th Annual Dog Park Cleanup –All Dane County Dog Parks*

## H. Announcements

- Madison Connecting Children to Nature Workshop  
Rigelman provided a short summary of the program hosted by Madison Parks that both she and Tom Thoresen attended on Saturday March 4th.*
- Parks Presentation - Mt. Horeb Historical/ Mt. Horeb Public Library March 3rd  
Lunney provide a brief overview of the program he provided along with the Friends of Donald Park and the Friends of Stewart Lake Park.*

## I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*March 23, 2016, 5:30 PM*

## J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

### Closed Session

A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by SCHLAEFER, that this meeting go into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and SCHLAEFER

**Excused:** 2 - Supervisor RICHMOND and THORESEN

### Return to Open Session

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by SCHLAEFER, that this meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and SCHLAEFER

**Excused:** 2 - Supervisor RICHMOND and THORESEN

### L. Adjourn

*Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.*

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