



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, January 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

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

Excused: 1 - GRACE MORAN

MORAN was not present at the beginning of the meeting but arrived as noted below.

Youth Governance Member Present: Sam Kaufmann

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Chris James, Joleen Stinson, and Sharene Smith

Chair RIPP called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)
[MIN-404](#) PC MINUTES_1-13-21

Attachments: [2020 MIN-404](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Minutes of January 13, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

- 1. [2020 RES-347](#) AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS FOR AN ACCESSIBLE KAYAK LANDING

Sponsors: RIPP, CHAWLA, DOOLAN, HATCHER, JOERS, STUBBS and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-347](#)
[2020 RES-347 Fiscal Note](#)

James stated that Sally Wilmeth and Terry Geurkink have supported accessibility improvements in Dane County Parks for years. This donation will support the installation of kayak/canoe launching pier at Fish Camp County Park. This is the second donation in as many years, supporting the accessible piers initiative. The family has also funded accessibility projects at Stewart Lake, Babcock, and Festge County Parks and were instrumental in the development of the Jenni and Kyle Preserve, named in memory of their children who both died in the 1980s of a degenerative neurological disorder.

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0, YGP: 1/0

MORAN arrived at 5:45 pm.

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

- 2. [2020 RES-348](#) AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE 2021 BUDGET FOR PARKS LAND MANAGEMENT

Sponsors: RIPP, CHAWLA, DOOLAN, STUBBS and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-348](#)
[2020 RES-348 Fiscal Note](#)

Marsh stated that a portion of the revenues from the fall 2020 timber harvest would be utilized to offset land management costs for restoration including follow-up work after the timber harvests.

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

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

[2020
ACT-320](#)

PARKS 2020 FRIENDS GRANTS

Attachments: [2020 ACT-320](#)

Stinson provided an overview of the Parks Friends Grant Program. Stinson stated that the program was funded for \$100,000 in the 2020 budget. The grants are cost-share grants 25% partner/ 75% County. The Grants are based on cash contributions for a project. Five grants were submitted and reviewed by staff. Staff is recommending approval of all five grants for a total of \$47,837.25. Staff are planning to provide another grant cycle in 2021 for the remaining \$52,162.75 in grant funding.

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Capital Springs Recreation Area Trail Updates

James provided an update on bike/pedestrian trail planning work that is occurring within the Capital Springs Recreation Area. The main focus has been on the State Park to Wauchetta Trail connection. The trail connection was approved in the Capital Springs Recreation Area Master Plan that was adopted by the State and County in 2010. The Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area, Wisconsin DNR, and Dane County Parks have been working on planning for the boardwalk phase of the trail connection. In 2020 the Friends donated funds for a wetland delineation to be completed. James stated that this project has long been supported by the Town. He stated that he has arranged a public meeting in February at the Town of Dunn to review the project and answer questions.

2. Riley- Deppe County Park Transfer

[2020
RPT-680](#)

RILEY-DEPPE COUNTY PARK TRANSFER QCD DRAFT

Attachments: [2020 RPT-680](#)

Smith provided a draft copy of the Quit Claim Deed for the transfer of the Riley Deppe County Park to the Village of Marshall. She stated this was a good method to handle the transfer. Marsh stated that the deed restrictions that the Commission wanted added have been added. He asked if there were any additional items they wanted to include before it was sent to the Village for review. The Commission asked staff to add language to clearly state that there would not be a park entrance fee for either residents or non-residents for this park property. This should not limit the Village for having facility use or program fees.

H. Announcements

None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: February 10th Virtual Meeting at 5:30 pm.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by MORAN, that the meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - BOGUE, BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN and GOFORTH

CLOSED SESSION: The Commission/Committee 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.

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - BOGUE, BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN and GOFORTH

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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