



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

5:15 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Rm A/B
Madison WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GEORGE GILLIS

Absent: 1 - DAN BROWN

Staff Present: Amy Callis, Laura Hicklin, Chris James, Sue Jones, Darren Marsh, John Reimer, Sara Rigelman, Jan Zimmermann

Others Present: Jan Axelson, Mary Binkley, Pat Downing, Sarah Fahlberg (Youth Governance program representative to Public Works Committee), Stuart Herro, Emily Jones, Mary Manering, Judie Pfeifer, Jeff Soellner, John Steines, Lyle Updike, Gary Werner, Liz Wessel

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:20 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#)
[MIN-389](#) 11-8-17_PC MINUTES

Attachments: [2017 MIN-389 11-8-17_PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the minutes of November 8, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Absent: 1 - BROWN

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017
RES-324](#) APPROVE CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND - WINTER 2017

Sponsors: RIPP, DOWNING, JONES, KUHN, NELSON, O'LOUGHLIN, SALOV, WILLIAMS and ZWEIFEL

Attachments: [2017 RES-324 Winter 2017 Ag Leases](#)
[2017 RES-324 Fiscal Note](#)
[Sub 1 2017 RES-324 Winter 2017 Ag Leases](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this Resolution be amended to remove the Silverwood Lease (lines 8-11).The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Absent: 1 - BROWN

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this Resolution be recommended for approval as amended by removing the Silverwood Lease (lines 8-11). The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Absent: 1 - BROWN

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

[2017
ACT-514](#) 2017 DISTRIBUTION GRANT

Attachments: [2017 ACT-514 2017 Distribution Grant](#)

Marsh requested Park Commission approval to request a \$4000 distribution grant from the Madison Community Foundation that holds the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment. The endowment will help support and strengthen our volunteers and park friends groups. The grant request will cover a new enclosed trailer, event supplies and resources for a volunteer summit in March 2018.

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Absent: 1 - BROWN

F. Presentations

Park and Open Space Plan - Chris James

LUNNEY provided an introduction to the presentation with an overview of the history of the County's Park and Open Space Plans, dating back to the 1970's. He stated that these plans are very important in helping shape the county park system. LUNNEY explained there is a POSP Advisory Committee that provides oversight for the planning process.

Chris James provided an overview of the 2018-2022 planning process and timeline. James explained that the current Parks and Open Space Plan is still a viable and active plan with many recommendations still being pursued.

Sara Rigelman covered plan equity, inclusion and accessibility; a new component of the plan update. The goal for this section is to create more awareness and opportunity, as well as to remove barriers that may prevent people from using the county parks and programs.

James finished the presentation with some of the draft proposed recommendations that are included in the plan.

- o Add trails as a stand alone park category*
- o Add cultural trails and other trails with themes*
- o Equity, inclusion and accessibility*
- o Create "e-trails" as part of our bike trail system*
- o Add a "bike park" property (mountain biking, BMX, cyclocross)*
- o Add a recreation park in the NE quadrant of the county*
- o Expand Blue Mounds Natural Resource Area*
- o Create a wetland mitigation bank – funding for restoration projects*

James stated feedback and input would be collected through the month of December.

LUNNEY asked for questions and input.

Comments and input included:

- o Consider collaboration with other municipalities to expand services for various communities, neighborhoods and regions of the county. Improved regular discussion with other agencies may reduce the duplication of services.*
- o Other theme trails Georgia O'Keeffe Trail – Town of Sun Prairie*
- o Support for the many benefits of wetlands that could be realized through a wetland mitigation banking system, as well as stormwater trading.*
- o Support for a comprehensive list of accessible facilities and their amenities such as fishing platforms and viewing areas – provide as inclusive list on website, share with other agencies and organizations*

G. Reports to Committee

1. Updates from Committees, Commissions or Councils (may include priorities & equity initiatives)

a. Park Commission

LUNNEY covered the following:

- o Opening of the new Lower Yahara River Trail, heavy public use and economic impacts*
- o Parks and Trails Unite Festival planned for June 2, 2018 at Lake Farm Park, Capital Springs Recreation Area. Event will be open to the public. Non-profits can set up booths at the festival.*
- o Morton County Forest – significant donation that has brought major recognition to our park system. Steve Morton donated 120 acres for the park, created an endowment to maintain the site and has paid for major improvements to the property. The property, along with Steve Morton, has been covered by various media outlets around the state.*

b. Environment, Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

Supervisor Downing covered the following budget items:

- o Healthy Farms, Healthy Lakes Initiative*
 - Add full time position to support the program*
- o Chloride Reduction Initiative*
 - Added a half-time position*
 - \$35,000 for contracted training programs for awareness*
 - Funded a rainfall simulator*
 - Youth Water Explorer Program*
 - Feminine hygiene products for parks facility*
 - Volunteer certification youth program – provide job training and resume building*

c. Lakes & Watershed Commission

Lyle Updike covered the following initiatives supported by the Commission:

- o Healthy Farms, Healthy Lakes Task Force*
- o Legacy Sediment Removal Projects*
- o Urban Water Quality Grants*
- o Chlorides – Salt Applicator Certification Program*
- o Evaluating local Infiltration standards*
- o Equity and Inclusion – continued outreach program; set up Lake Explorer program working with Bayview Community Center*
- o Five-Year updates to Aquatic Plant Management Plans and associated permit applications*

d. Environmental Council

Jeff Soellner covered the following items: pollinators, grants and awareness

2. [2017 RPT-521](#) 2018 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

Attachments: [2017 RPT-521 2018 Park Commission Meeting Schedule](#)

H. Announcements

None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

January 10, 2018, 5:30 pm at Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

CLOSED SESSION: The Commission 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.

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, that this meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Absent: 1 - BROWN

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Absent: 1 - BROWN

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

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