



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee Park Commission

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Wednesday, February 22, 2017

5:30 PM

Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B  
Madison WI 53718

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### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN  
**Excused:** 2 - MARY SCHLAEFER and GEORGE GILLIS

*Staff Present: Laura Hicklin, Chris James, Darren Marsh, Sara Rigelman*

*Others Present: Friends of Schumacher Farm: Dan Evans, Rosa Ropers, Ray Ropers, Jim Ableidinger*

*Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:34 pm*

### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2016](#) 2-1-17\_PC MINUTES  
[MIN-526](#)

**Attachments:** [2016 MIN 526 2-1-17 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the minutes of February 1, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

**Ayes:** 5 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - SCHLAEFER and Supervisor GILLIS

### C. Fund Transfers- None

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

[2016 RES-508](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES GRANT FROM THE WDNR FOR LUSSIER COUNTY PARK

**Sponsors:** RIPP and DOWNING

**Attachments:** [2016 RES-508 Lussier Pk Boat Launch Grant](#)  
[2016 RES-508 Fiscal Note](#)

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by HAAG, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0**

**Ayes:** 5 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - SCHLAEFER and Supervisor GILLIS

*Chair LUNNEY asked for change in order of agenda to allow Friends of Schumacher Farm to present their Center for Rural History Project Report next - moving ahead from their stated order as the first item under "Reports to Committee." There were no objections.*

## G. Reports to Committee

### 1. Center for Rural History Project - Friends of Schumacher Farm

*Rosa Ropers, President of the Friends of Schumacher Farm, introduced the members that were in attendance at the meeting. She provided a short overview of the Friends. Jim Ableidinger, Vice President, discussed their Capital Campaign and handed out a brochure on the future Center for Rural History. He reviewed the donations that they had received and the community support they have for all their programs. He stated that preserving the agricultural past through a museum and demonstrations are key program elements for the Friends. The current focus of Phase I of the project is finishing the first floor of the center to accommodate new restrooms, an office and meeting room. The Friends hope to continue the project with a Phase II and create storage and a repair shop for their historic farm equipment. Ray Ropers stated that the Friends entire project plans will cost in the order of \$925,000. With the County's assistance supporting the Friends, they are able to move forward on Phase I. The Friends, especially the board, are very committed and have provided over \$70,000 of their own money. The Schumacher Trust recently provided an additional \$5,000 towards the Capital Campaign. They have cash and pledges that are over \$300,000 at this point which has mostly come from local support. Now they will be reaching out to a broader community to gather additional resources. Dan Evans stated that the community is looking forward to seeing the project begin. Showing results will help inspire additional funding to enable a move to Phase II.*

## E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Old Highway PB Bridge Replacement Project - Section 4(f) de minimis impact determination

*Hicklin provided an overview of limited impacts to county lands and continuous pedestrian access to the Community Gardens by way of a new pedestrian bridge. These type of issues fall under the jurisdiction of the Park Commission to make the final decisions.*

**A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this action item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0**

**Ayes:** 5 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - SCHLAEFER and Supervisor GILLIS

2. Town of Middleton Temporary Construction Easement - Rocky Dell Road

*Marsh reviewed the temporary easement and the lands that it will impact. Marsh stated that the planned work should improve safety along Rocky Dell Road and access to the north end of the Wildlife Area.*

[2016 ACT-573](#)      ROCKY DELL EASEMENT\_2-22-17

**Attachments:** [2016 ACT-573 Rocky Dell Easement 2-22-17](#)

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0**

**Ayes:** 5 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - SCHLAEFER and Supervisor GILLIS

**F. Presentations - None**

**G. Reports to Committee**

2. Bicycle Wayfinding Manual/Workshop

*Rigelman provided an update on the Dane County Wayfinding Plan that began in late 2015. She handed out a new Wayfinding Manual. The County contracted with the Madison Transportation Planning Board to develop a County Bicycle Wayfinding Manual and to produce specific Wayfinding Plans for six trails located throughout the County. On March 2, 2017 an informational meeting will be held at the Lussier Family Heritage Center to share the new Bicycle Wayfinding Plan with municipalities and planners.*

**H. Announcements**

- 2/24/17 Chainsaw Work Party Schumacher Farm - DC Parks
- 2/24-26 Wisconsin Fishing Expo - DC Parks
- 3/25/17 Annual Dog Park Cleanup - DC Parks/Volunteers
- 3/3/17 Chainsaw Work Party Anderson Farm - DC Parks
- 3/10/17 Chainsaw Work Party Walking Iron - DC Parks
- 3/17/17 Chainsaw Work Party Walking Iron - DC Parks
- 3/18/17 Friends of Donald Volunteer Appreciation 5:30-9 - Friends of Donald
- 3/28/17 Volunteer Education Training Series - Pesticide Applicator Training -DC Parks
- 4/12/17 Volunteer Education Training Series - Tree Planting/Pruning - DC Parks Staff

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*March 8, 2017*

**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 RIPP, seconded by HAAG, that this meeting be adjourned.  
The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0**

**Ayes:** 5 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - SCHLAEFER and Supervisor GILLIS

*Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm*

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