



# Dane County

## Minutes - Draft

### Park Commission

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Wednesday, March 11, 2015

5:30 PM

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room 121A  
Madison WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 6 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI,  
MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

**Excused:** 1 - CHRISTINE HAAG

*Richmond present at 5:40 PM*

*Schlaefer present at 5:45 PM*

*Staff present: Chris James, Darren Marsh, Jan Zimmermann*

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Lunney at 5:35 PM.*

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

*None.*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

**2014** Park Commission Minutes for Feb 25, 2015

**MIN-640**

**Attachments:** [2-25-15PCM 2015 MIN-640.pdf](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried (4-0) by a voice vote.

#### D. Fund Transfers - None

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

**2014  
RES-563** 2014 RES-563 AUTHORIZING STREAMBANK EASEMENTS FOR  
SYFTESTAD CREEK AND WEST BRANCH SUGAR RIVER  
TRIBUTARY

Sponsors: DOWNING, RIPP and WUEST

Attachments: [2014 RES-563.pdf](#)  
[2014 RES-563 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)  
[MaysStrembankEasementMapBigPicture.pdf](#)  
[LoseneggerMap.pdf](#)

A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by THORESEN, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried (6-0) by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

## F. Items Requiring Committee Action

Election of Officers

*Postponed.*

## G. Presentations - None

## H. Reports to Committee

### 1. Great Sauk Trail Planning

*Chris James discussed planning work that is presently moving forward in Sauk County to create a new bike/pedestrian trail on non-functioning railroad line that would connect Sauk City, Prairie du Sac, and the new Sauk Prairie Recreation Area to Devils Lake State Park. Future plans include connecting the trail at the Highway 12 bridge and from Mazomanie to the Wisconsin River via the former railroad bridge south of Sauk City. When completed, the trail is anticipated to be tremendously popular for a variety of user groups.*

### 2. 2015 State Budget - Department of Natural Resources

*Potential DNR Program Impacts*

- *Stewardship – Current proposal would eliminate program*
- *Reduce the DNR Bureau of Science Services, eliminate education positions*
- *Eliminates capacity building grants to non-profits*
- *Reduces the authority of the Natural Resource Board*

### 3. Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment - Events and 2015 Goals

*Marsh presented a tentative schedule of fundraising events that the Endowment Committee was currently working on for 2015. The events would culminate with the 80th Anniversary of Dane County Parks on September 1st.*

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next Meeting is March 25, 2015

**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None.*

**Closed Session**

**A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, to enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

The Commission plans to meet in closed session for the purpose of deliberating the purchasing or acquiring of property where open discussion of bargaining positions and strategies would discourage bargaining and harm the public's interest in obtaining properties. The authority for this possible closed session is Wis. State. Section 19.85 (1) (e). The Commission will adjourn upon conclusion of the closed session and not reconvene this meeting in open session.

**Return to Open Session**

**A motion was made by RICHMOND, seconded by THORESEN, to exit out of closed session. The motion carried (5-0) by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

**Absent:** 1 - SCHLAEFER

**K. Adjourn**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.*