



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 10, 2024

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Heritage Center
Lower Level, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison; attend
virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Lael Pascual.

Youth Governance Member Steve Hoang present.

Others Present: Nancy Wiegand, Brock Woods, David Robb, Katrina Forest, Bill Schultz.

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2023](#) Minutes of the December 6, 2023 Park Commission
[MIN-436](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-436 PC 12-6-23](#)

[Park Commission Registration Report 12-6-23](#)

[Access Ability Wisconsin Comments Indian Lake Master Plan 12-6-2023](#)

[MadNorSki Comments Indian Lake Master Plan 12-6-2023](#)

[Wiegand Comments Indian Lake Master Plan 12-6-2023](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

D. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

E. Presentations

1. Engagement & Visitor Services 2023 Year in Review

Lael Pascual led a presentation on the 2023 Engagement & Visitor Services highlights. The presentation included number of shelter reservations, campground reservations, permits sold, OVNs issued, Heritage Center reservations, volunteer hours, outreach events, education program and native plant program.

[2023
RPT-461](#)

Engagement & Visitor Services 2023 Year in Review Presentation

Attachments: [EVS 2023 Year in Review](#)

F. Reports to Committee

1. Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan Update

Chris James led a presentation on the Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area draft master plan. The presentation included an overview of plan recommendations, noting modifications made based on public feedback. Planning considerations for the proposed Indian Lake County Park group camp access road improvements were discussed. The resolution to adopt this master plan will likely be introduced at the January 18, 2024 County Board Meeting.

[2023
RPT-471](#)

Indian Lake County Park & Walkway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan Memo and Appendices

Attachments: [Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan Memo and Appendices](#)

[2023
RPT-478](#)

Indian Lake County Park Master Plan Presentation 1-10-2024

Attachments: [Indian Lake County Park Master Plan Presentation 1-10-2024](#)

Nancy Wiegand spoke in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan. Full written comments attached.

Brock Woods spoke on behalf of the Madison Nordic Ski Club in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan. Full written comments from the Madison Nordic Ski Club attached. Brock Woods spoke personally in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan.

David Robb spoke in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan. Full written comments attached.

Get Kids Outside submitted written comments in support of the proposed Indian Lake County Park group camp access road improvements included in the draft plan. Full written comments attached.

- 2. Dane County Walking Iron Trail and 2024-2029 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan Public Information Meeting
January 17, 2024 6:00 PM
Wisconsin Heights Middle-High School

Chris James led a presentation on the Park and Open Space Plan planning process and Park Commission's role. Dane County is sponsoring a nearly 3 mile rail to trail conversion, to be called the Walking Iron Trail, from the Wisconsin River bridge to a DNR parking lot on STH 78. There will be a public information meeting on Wednesday, January 17 to cover both topics.

[2023 RPT-479](#) 2024-2029 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan & Walking Iron Trail PIM Presentation 1-10-2024

Attachments: [POSP Update & Walking Iron Trail PIM Presentation](#)

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, January 24, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:14 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.