



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, February 13, 2019

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation 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, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, NANCY BOGUE and ANALIESE EICHER

Excused: 2 - TOM THORESEN and STEFANIE BROUWER

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

Youth Governance Program Member Present: Sarah Fahlberg

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith

Others Present: Jim Welsh, Dave Wilken

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:35 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) PC MINUTES_1-9-19
[MIN-422](#)

Attachments: [2018 MIN-422 PC Minutes 1-9-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the minutes of January 9, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2018 RES-487](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND ALONG TOKEN CREEK

Sponsors: EICHER, RIPP and SCHAUER

- Attachments:** [2018 RES-487](#)
[2018 RES-487 Fiscal Note](#)
[2018 RES-487 AreaMap Graff](#)
[2018 RES-487 SubjectMap Graff](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by RIPP, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

[2018 RES-523](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL AND DOOR CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

Sponsors: RATCLIFF

- Attachments:** [2018 RES-523](#)
[2018 RES-523 Fiscal Note](#)
[2018 RES-523 SubjectMap](#)
[2018 RES-523 MapTrailOverview](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by RIPP, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

THORESEN arrived at 5:42 pm.

Present: 6 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, TOM THORESEN, NANCY BOGUE and ANALIESE EICHER

Excused: 1 - STEFANIE BROUWER

F. Presentations

1. Groundswell Conservancy - Jim Welsh

Mr. Welsh presented information on a Groundswell project to preserve 84 acres of wetland and savannah area along Six Mile Creek, west of Waunakee. It's across the road from Ripp Park and just downstream from the DNR's Waunakee Marsh. The property provides a great opportunity to protect a key flood storage area just prior to the creek winding its way through the Village of Waunakee. The property also supports a seasonal snowmobile trail and offers the opportunity for hiking trails.

2. The Prairie Enthusiasts - Dave Wilken for Prairie Enthusiasts

Dave Wilken discussed how he wanted to preserve a 4.5 acre prairie area that he established in 1995 and contains an amazing array of native forbs and grasses. His property is adjacent to lands owned and maintained by the Prairie Enthusiasts as part of the Pleasure Valley Conservancy in the Town of Vermont. The Prairie Enthusiasts are seeking stewardship and county grants to preserve the prairie.

G. Reports to Committee

1. Friends of Anderson Park Tractor Purchase

Marsh stated that the Friends of Anderson County Park were successful in the fundraising efforts to purchase a compact utility tractor. They raised over \$23,000 to make the purchase. The tractor will be used to support their ongoing work, developing and maintaining Anderson County Park. The tractor will also support the Friends' agricultural initiatives to support local agricultural and food pantry needs.

2. Foundation for Dane County Parks

LUNNEY noted that the name change for the foundation is now final – Foundation for Dane County Parks. LWRD and Parks are evaluating a draft MOU between the foundation and Dane County. The foundation has also been working on a grant program to support the goals of the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment. A committee is working with park staff on the grant application language and on the amount of resources that will be available. At the Volunteer Summit, March 9th, the grant program will be announced. The foundation will also be surveying the park staff, friends groups, and volunteers to see what other needs they have. The foundation will then set goals to see what can be done to meet those priority needs. The foundation is also working to create accessible fishing piers throughout the county. This campaign will kick off later this spring. Information on the Accessible Pier Program will be displayed at the Parks booth at the upcoming Fishing Expo on February 22nd -24th.

Chair LUNNEY requested a change of agenda order to consider "Item J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda" next. There was no objection.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Jim Welsh commented on a flood mitigation option that was contained in the 2018 Yahara Chain of Lakes Flooding – Technical Report. Welsh wanted Parks Commission to be aware that there is a concern where a possible pumping route has been identified through the Waubesa Wetlands, a State Natural Area.

H. Announcements

2/9/19 Savannah Restoration, 6820 Co Hwy M, 9-noon - Dave Lonsdorf & IATA Vlntrs
2/9/19 2019 Garden Expo - DC Park Staff & Vlntrs
2/10/19 2019 Garden Expo - DC Park Staff & Vlntrs
2/12/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30 - noon - Friends of Donald Park
2/15/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, Schumacher, 9:00-noon - DC Park Staff
2/16/19 Pheasant Branch workday, noon - 3pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch
2/16/19 Sustainable Coffee Production, Heritage Ctr, 9-11 am - Just Coffee Coop
2/16/19 Woodstove Cooking, 10 a.m. - Friends of Schumacher
2/19/19 Friends of Donald Park Board of Directors - Friends of Donald Park
2/19/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30 - noon - Friends of Donald Park
2/19/19 IATA Full Moon Hike, Prairie Moraine, 6 - 8 pm - IATA Vlntrs
2/20/19 FOCSRA Board Meeting, Heritage Ctr, 4:30 pm - FOCSRA
2/22/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, Yahara Heights, 9- noon - DC Park Staff
2/23/19 Cap Springs Raptors Program, Heritage Ctr, 10:30 am-1 pm - FOCSRA
2/26/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30- noon - Friends of Donald Park
3/?/19 Maple Syrup Tapping Demo, Donald Park, TBD - Friends of Donald Park
3/?/19 Maple Syrup Event, Anderson Park, TBD - Friends of Anderson
3/1/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, Indian Lake, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
3/2/19 Pheasant Branch Workday, noon-3 pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch
3/5/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30-noon - Friends of Donald Park
3/8/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, Indian Lake, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
3/9/19 Dane Co Parks Vlntr Summit, 9 am-2 pm - DC Park Staff

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

February 27, 5:30 pm @ Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

none

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by BOGUE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0, YGP: 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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