



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 9, 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, STEFANIE BROUWER
and ANALIESE EICHER

Excused: 2 - TOM THORESEN and NANCY BOGUE

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: Dick Black, Darren Marsh, Sara Rigelman, Sharene Smith

Others Present: Judie Pfeifer

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:30 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) PC MINUTES_12-12-18
[MIN-403](#)

Attachments: [2018 MIN-403_PC Minutes_12-12-18.pdf](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the minutes of December 12, 2018 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-471](#)

2018 PARC & Ride Bicycle trail Grant Awards

Sponsors: RIPP, EICHER, McCARVILLE, RATCLIFF, SALOV and SCHWELLENBACH

Attachments: [2018 RES-471](#)
[2018 RES-471 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by BROUWER, 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**F. Presentations**

Park Operations Overview - Dick Black, Dane County Parks Operations Manager

Black provided a PowerPoint presentation covering the day-to-day operation of the County Parks. Black began with his background related to parks and natural resource management and led into the services that Dane County Parks provides to over 2.5 million annual visitors. Services are delivered through five distinct work units. Each work unit has a lead Park Ranger who is responsible for the service delivery within their work units. Each work unit has at least three seasonal staff to assist with service delivery including shelter rentals, lake access sites, camping, picnic areas, dog exercise areas, hiking trails, fishing areas, multiuse trails, etc.

In support of the work unit services, there is a large team of staff directly assigned to help maintain facilities and support facility development in the park system. This team is led by two crew leaders that help prioritize projects. Three grounds maintenance crews assist with managing turf areas in the parks. There is also a forestry crew led by a professional forester that manages over 5600 landscape trees within the park system. The grounds and forestry crews also provide services to other county agencies when needed.

There are operations staff responsible for facility maintenance including plumbing, carpentry, masonry, electrical and other repairs. Parks maintains over 120 buildings with over 36 public water supplies and other amenities to serve the community. Parks has a fleet of heavy equipment and operators for the building of facilities and infrastructure required to support the county parks.

The operations staff also work directly with the volunteer coordinator to support a corps of 3400 volunteers and 18 friends groups working to support the county park system. The friends groups provide most of the outreach and county sponsored events with the parks. One program area where there is a large contingency of volunteers is the natural area management program. The natural area program has two professionals, a botanist/naturalist and a restoration specialist, leading the management and restoration of the county lands. As an initiative for the county, two new operations staff were recently hired to support land and water restoration efforts on county lands.

Park Operations is a 24/7 operations, 365 days a year.

[2018
PRES-097](#)

DANE CO PARKS OPERATIONS 2019

Attachments: [2018 PRES-097 Dane Co Parks Operations 2019.pdf](#)

THORESEN arrived at 5:50 pm.

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

Excused: 1 - NANCY BOGUE

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Announcements

WISNIEWSKI announced that Sara Rigelman has been named the Robert Hunt Resource Professional Award winner for 2019 by Wisconsin Trout Unlimited. Sara and the County's Streambank Easement and Conservation Program is the statewide leader in creating access, restoration and protection of our cold water resources. She was nominated far and wide for her years of work developing the program. Sara will receive her award at a state event on February 2, 2019.

- 1/4/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, McCarthy, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
- 1/5/19 Snowshoe Hike, Prairie Moraine old lot, 10 am - K. Mulbrandon & IATA Vlntrs*
- 1/11/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, McCarthy, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
- 1/12/19 Tree Clearing, Liebetrau Prairie Pine Rd, 9 am - Gary Werner & IATA Vlntrs*
- 1/12/19 Vlntr Ed Train - Lvl 2 Chainsaw Safety, 8-4 - DC Park Staff*
- 1/16/19 FOCSRA Board Meeting, Dr. Ken Potter Presentation, 4:30 pm - FOCSRA*
- 1/25/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, CamRock, 9:00-noon - DC Park Staff*
- 1/26/19 Sustainable Grdns/Lndscps, Susan Carpenter, 9-11 am - Heritage Center Staff*
- 2/?/19 Vlntr Ed Train - Electrical Hazards w/ Adam Alves, date TBD - Park Staff*
- 2/1/19 Vlntr Tree & Brush Removal, CamRock, 9:00-noon - DC Park Staff*
- 2/3/19 Restoration, Prairie Moraine new lot, 9-noon, Dave Lonsdorf & IATA Vlntrs*

EICHER left at 6:30 pm.

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Excused: 2 - NANCY BOGUE and ANALIESE EICHER

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

January 23, 5:30 pm @ 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

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP 1/0

“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.”

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by THORESEN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

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