



Dane County

Minutes - Draft

Park Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

5:30 PM

CamRock County Park Shelter 3
2334 Highland Rd
Cambridge, WI 53523

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Staff present: Darren Marsh, Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Alex DeSmidt, Sharene Smith, Sara Rigelman, Lael Pascual, Bert Schwab, Adam Alves, Laura Hicklin, Stener Knutson.

Others present: Supervisor Michele Ritt. Supervisor Kate McGinnity. Jefferson County Supervisor Laura Payne. Friends of CamRock County Park representatives Janice Redford, Gerald Fosdal, Shelly Fosdal, Don Nettum, Ann Nettum, Becky Schettler, Marian Timmerman, Bill McCarthy. Capital Off Road Pathfinders representatives Mitch Love, Jon Augspurger, Chuck Hutchens, Dave Reece. Friends of CamRock Glacial Drumlin Bike Connector Trail representatives Steve Struss, Holly Ringen. Foundation for Dane County Parks representatives Bill Lunney, Judie Pfeifer, Mike Weber. Others present: Richard Moen, Bob Salov, Gloria Salov, Jay Weiss, Pira Mueller, Michael Rehak, Bruce Pedrick.

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021
MIN-129](#)

Minutes of the June 9, 2021 Park Commission Meeting

Attachments: [2021_PC_MINUTES_6-9-21](#)

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

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2021
RES-071](#) NAMING OF THE COUNTY FACILITY AT ROBERTSON ROAD

Sponsors: RIPP and EICHER

Attachments: [2021 RES-071](#)
[2021 RES-071 Fiscal Note](#)
[2021 RES-071 SIGNED COPY](#)

Bill Lunney spoke in support of this resolution.

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Application from Groundswell Conservancy - 38 acres fee purchase - Olson

[2021
RPT-210](#) Olson Acquisition Map & Summary

Attachments: [Olson_Map_Summary](#)

2. Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Application from Groundswell Conservancy - 111 acre conservation easement - Black Earth Creek Valley Farms

[2021
RPT-211](#) Black Earth Valley Farms Easement Map & Summary

Attachments: [Statz_Map_Summary](#)

Sharene Smith reviewed the information that was presented at the June 6, 2021 Park Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, to request staff to prepare resolutions to approve grant money for both of these Conservation Fund grant project requests. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

F. Presentations

1. Friends of CamRock County Park

Janice Redford has been involved with the park since the beginning. She shared the history of the park and the Friends of CamRock Park. The Friends have been monitoring the Koshkonong Creek for more than 21 years and they have a very active chainsaw restoration crew.

2. Capital Off Road Pathfinders (CORP)

Trail Steward Mitch Love and CORP President Jon Augspurger described the history of CORP and the trail systems they build and maintain at CamRock and in other locations. They highlighted the youth NICA team which practices at CamRock and maxed out at over 100 participants this season.

3. Friends of the CamRock to Glacial-Drumlin Connector Trail

Steve Struss shared the history of the Friends of CamRock Glacial Drumlin Bike Connector Trail, which started as an ad-hoc committee of Cambridge and is now in the process of incorporating as a non-profit. The first phase of the trail will be named after Phil Van Valkenberg. Steve invited everyone to the dedication and groundbreaking on August 1, 2021, starting at 3 PM at the Cambridge Winery.

4. Beer Cave Restoration Update

Richard Moen shared his history growing up in Rockdale and playing in the beer cave. He has volunteered in the park since 1980 and started restoring the beer cave last year. He detailed the restoration process and the interest from the park users. His progress was recently highlighted in an article in the Cambridge News & Deerfield Independent on June 2, 2021. He hopes to finish the restoration this year and hold a celebration in September.

5. Cambridge Tree Project

Jay Weiss reported that the Cambridge Tree Project was created to increase species diversity of the community forest and to add 1,000 trees to Cambridge by 2020. They have reached both goals. They have donated over 200 trees to CamRock County Park throughout the years and many to the Dane County Parks forestry program.

6. Foundation for Dane County Parks

Bill Lunney highlighted the Foundation's recent initiatives, including "Healthy Parks, Healthy You," the new park passport program and the endowment's growth. Bill also invited everyone to Darren's public retirement celebration, hosted by the Foundation, on September 9, 2021.

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

July 14, 2021 Virtual Meeting

July 28, 2021 Anderson Farm County Park

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Park Commission be adjourned at 6:47 PM. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0. The meeting was followed by a potluck to celebrate with Darren for his retirement.

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