



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, September 10, 2025

5:00 PM

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

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission Meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Staff Present: Alex DeSmidt, Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, TOM THORESEN, KRISTIE GOFORTH,
DON POSTLER and JASMINE BANKS

Excused: 1 - ANALIESE EICHER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-268](#)

Minutes of the August 27, 2025 Park Commission

Attachments: [2025 MIN-268 Park Commission Minutes 08-27-2025](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025](#)
[RES-144](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR SNOWMOBILE TRAIL AIDS GRANT FOR THE
2025-2026 SEASON

Sponsors: CHAWLA, POSTLER, ENGELBERGER and FRIES

Attachments: [2025 RES-144](#)
[2025 RES-144 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-144 CONTRACT #15939](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

2. [2025 RES-147](#) AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Sponsors: CHAWLA, POSTLER, ENGELBERGER and FRIES

Attachments: [2025 RES-147](#)
[2025 RES-147 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

D. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Set 2026 Park Fees

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by BROUWER, that the 2026 Dane County Parks fees be adopted as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

[2025 RPT-209](#)

Dane County Parks Fee History With Proposed 2026 Fees

Attachments: [Park Permit & Educational Program Fees Proposed 2026](#)

2. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Village of McFarland for a land purchase, Lower Yahara River Trail

A motion was made by BROUWER to direct staff to prepare the resolution to award a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant to the Village of McFarland. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

3. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Ice Age Trail Alliance for a land purchase, Ice Age Trail, Table Bluff Segment

A motion was made by BROUWER to direct staff to prepare the resolution to award a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant to the Ice Age Trail Alliance. The motion carried by unanimous consent.

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, October 22, 2025
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, November 12, 2025
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by GOFORTH that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 5:20 PM.

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