



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GEORGE GILLIS

Staff Present: Chris James, Darren Marsh

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) PC MINUTES_3-14-18
[MIN-589](#)

Attachments: [2017 MIN-589 PC Minutes 3-14-18](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the minutes of March 14, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017 RES-490](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES GRANT FOR THE RESURFACING OF THE CAPITAL CITY STATE TRAIL

Attachments: [2017 RES-490](#)
[2017 RES-490 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Volunteer Appreciation Summit

Marsh provided a short overview of the Volunteer Appreciation Summit and stated that approximately 80 people signed up for the event, with representation from 16 Friends Groups. RIPP, LUNNEY and WISNIEWSKI attended the summit and commented on their observations. Marsh stated that the Volunteer Coordinator, Rhea Stangel-Maier, did a good job organizing the event and has already scheduled a volunteer appreciation picnic for September and another summit for next March. Marsh stated that he would share the evaluation forms that were turned in for the event.

2. Discussion on Recognition, Dedications, Memorials & Donations

LUNNEY stated that this discussion also takes in agenda item #3 (Sponsorships, Advertising and Fundraising) since they are all tied together. LUNNEY stated that there are opportunities for greater sponsorships for our programs that need to be considered as the park system grows. Marsh mentioned that the friends groups already have some autonomy when it comes to sponsorships of programs and events. LUNNEY stated the Friends of Dane County Parks, Inc. would soon have their 501(c)(3) status. Once this nonprofit status is in place, there will be opportunities to expanded discussions on how to support the county parks and the friends groups.

3. Discussion on Sponsorship, Advertising & Fundraising

This was taken up in item #2

4. Status of Capital Projects:

-Capital City Trail: James reviewed the planned project with Res-490.

-Schumacher Farm: Center for Rural History Project –James reviewed the project and stated it was estimated to be completed by August 1st.

-Silverwood Stone House: Marsh stated that they had a general contractor on board and work would commence shortly. Project will be completed by mid-July.

H. Announcements

RIPP provided information on the individuals that have been forwarded by the County Executive to fill the vacant Park Commission seats: Nancy Bogue and Stephanie Brouwer. They are anticipated to be approved sometime in April or May.

LUNNEY stated that he wanted to start taking ideas for which parks the Park Commission may want to visit this summer. Suggestions included Stewart Lake, Silverwood, Lussier and Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Marsh stated he would provide a list of the parks the Commission visited over the last two summers.

Marsh stated that he will be meeting with the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy on April 10th to discuss their recommendation to close the northern half of the county lands at the Pheasant Branch Conservancy to dogs.

4/7/18 SW Trout Unlimited Workday, 9-noon, location TBD - SWTU Volunteers
4/13/18 Earth Day w/ Humana Vlntrs, 8-4, Lake Farm/Heritage Cntr/Cap Springs
4/17/18 Earth Day Student Program, 9-noon, Heritage Cntr - FOSCRA & DC Park Staff
4/18/18 Cross Plains Lions & Boy Scouts Workday, Festge - Friends of Festge
4/19/18 Earth Day Student Program: Work & Hike, 9-noon - FOSCRA & DC Park Staff
4/19/18 Earth Day w/ OFS Volunteers, 9-3:30 - DC Park Staff & Friends of Festge
4/21/18 SW Trout Unlimited Workday, 9-noon, location TBD - SWTU Volunteers
4/21/18 Youth Service Day, 9-noon, McCarthy - Friends of McCarthy & DC Park Staff
4/27/18 Arbor Day 6th Grade Field Trip, 9-1, Anderson Farm-DC Park Staff&Park Friends
4/28/18 Arbor Day Celebration, 11-1, Silverwood - Friends of Silverwood
4/29/18 Ice Age Trail Evening Hike, 6:30 pm, Indian Lake - Ice Age Trail Alliance
4/29/18 Spring Time at the Farm, 1-3, Schumacher Farm - Friends of Schumacher
4/30/18 VlntrTrain Series - Spring Invasives ID, 9-noon - DC Park Staff & UW-Extension

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

April 11th, 5:30 pm at 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. Adjourn

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GILLIS

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm

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