



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

5:30 PM

5201 Fen Oak Drive, Room 121
Madison, WI 53718

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The meeting was called to order by Lunney at 5:40pm.

A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 3 - KYLE RICHMOND, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and MARY SCHLAEFER

Staff present: Sara Kwitek, Chris James, Kevin Connors, Jan Zimmermann

Others present: Missy Tracy, Municipal Relations Coordinator for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) 2015 MIN-131_Park Comm 5-27-15 Minutes
[MIN-131](#)

Attachments: [2015 MIN-131_5-27-15 Park Comm.pdf](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the Minutes of May 27, 2015 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and THORESEN

C. Fund Transfers - None.

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2015
RES-088](#)

2015 RES-088 Authorizing the Purchase of Land AT CAM-ROCK COUNTY PARK

Attachments: [2015 RES-088.pdf](#)
[2015 RES-088 Fiscal note.pdf](#)
[Rattman-ResMap1.pdf](#)
[RattmanOverview.pdf](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by HAAG, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and THORESEN

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

None.

F. Presentations

Proposed Ho-Chunk Nation Madison Property Development-Melissa Huggins

Missy Tracy, Municipal Relations Coordinator for Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin, gave an excellent and informative presentation on the history of the Ho-Chunk in Dane County.

The presentation on the Proposed Ho-Chunk Nation Madison Property Development will be given by Melissa Huggins at a future Park Commission meeting.

G. Reports to Committee

a. Phase 1 Lower Yahara River Trail Update

James indicated that all permits and approvals have been obtained with trail construction anticipated to begin in the winter of 2016.

b. PARC & Ride Bike Trail Grant Program Update

Kwitek distributed and reviewed the PARC & Ride Trail Grant Program guidelines that were included with a recent mailing that went out to all municipalities from the County Executive's office. A press release announcing the details of the program is expected to follow the mailing.

[2015
RPT-208](#)

2015 RPT-208_2015 PARC and Ride Grant Guidelines

Attachments: [2015 RPT-208 2015PARCRide GrantGuidelines.pdf](#)

[2015
RPT-209](#)

2015 RPT-209_PARC and Ride Letter

Attachments: [2015 RPT-209_PARC and Ride Letter.pdf](#)

c. Dorn Creek Wildlife Area - Invasive Species Removal and Biofuel Project

Kwitek indicated that there may be some press related to an innovative restoration project that will be occurring at Dorn Creek Wildlife Area starting in the next few weeks. Staff worked with USFWS to contract with a timber company for the removal of invasive species such as box elder and black locust, which will be chipped and utilized for biofuels.

d. Events and Activities

Lunney and Thoresen reported on the Dawley Bike Hub and Capital Springs Recreation Area events that took place on June 6th, National Trails Day. Both of the events went well, had good attendance and were well represented by key agencies and stakeholders.

Ripp reported on the Wolf Run Trail Grand Opening that also took place on June 6th noting that it was a wonderful event that was very well attended.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Summer Tour - June 24th, Schumacher Farm/Land Conservation Projects at Schumacher Farm County Park, 5682 Hwy 19, Waunakee WI 53597

Next Meeting Date: Summer Tour and Park Commission Meeting (as host for discussion with County Natural Resource Committees and Commissions) - June 24th, Schumacher Farm/Land Conservation Projects at Schumacher Farm County Park, 5682 Hwy 19, Waunakee WI 53597

McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park Master Plan Public Information Meeting-June 25th

McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park Master Plan Public Information Meeting –June 25th at 7:00 PM at Sun Prairie Town Hall.

Bike Dane Meeting – June 18th, 1:30 – 3:00 PM at the Lussier Heritage Center.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Kwitek. Minutes are subject to Committee approval.