



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?

Monday, June 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Salmo Pond, 4809 Scherbel Rd
Cross Plains, WI 53528

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Jon Ernst.

Friends of Festge Park Board Members Present: Gary Nelson, Jeanette Hoard, Dennis Connor.

Others Present: Mike Weber.

Present: 4 - ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN and GRACE MORAN

Excused: 3 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

Chair Thoresen requested to move the presentations to the top of the agendas. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members present.

D. Presentations

1. Friends of Festge Park

Friends of Festge Park President Gary Nelson shared the history of the Friends. They started removing buckthorn in the park in 2010 and incorporated as a 501(c)3 in 2013. They have 4-6 core volunteers and one of them is in the park every day year round. Jeanette Hoard passed out the Friends of Festge Park 2023-2024 annual work plan. The Friends of cleared buckthorn out of ~80 acres of forest and have ~40 acres to go. The Friends estimate the total value of volunteer hours from 2010-2022 at \$957,831.

[2023](#)
[RPT-159](#)

Friends of Festge Park 2023-2024 Work Plan

Attachments: [Fof 2023-2024 Work Plan](#)

Supervisor Eicher arrived at 5:46 PM.

2. History of Festge County Park & Salmo Pond County Park

Salmo Pond offers accessible fishing piers and picnic areas. It has a 3 acre pond (formerly a rock quarry) with a maximum depth of 15 ft. In 2022, a parking lot reconstruction project added stormwater basins and replaced the existing toilet building. The memorial Dan Wisniewski Accessible Fishing Area was named through a Park Commission action and a dedication ceremony was held last fall. The property is owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). In 1980, the WDNR and Dane County signed an agreement giving Dane County the authority to develop, operate and maintain a multiple-use recreation area in perpetuity.

Nearby Festge County Park was established in 1963 after Otto and Evelyn Festge donated the original 15.9 acreage for this park. The scenic overlook was restored in 2019, including a new seating wall and accessibility improvements. The park contains 155 acres of wooded parkland with hiking trails winding through a mature stand of hickory and oak trees. Other features include two shelters, play equipment and shaded areas for family picnics.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023
MIN-140](#)

Minutes of the May 24, 2023 Park Commission

Attachments: [2023 MIN-140 PC Minutes 05-24-23](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by EICHER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2023
RES-070](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL PHASE 2

Sponsors: RIPP, ROSE, ENGELBERGER, JOERS and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-070](#)
[2023 RES-070 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-070 CONTRACT #15119](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

2. [2023 RES-082](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FISH CAMP ACCESSIBLE KAYAK LAUNCH IMPROVEMENTS AT THE FISH CAMP COUNTY PARK
- Sponsors:** RIPP and RATCLIFF
- Attachments:** [2023 RES-082](#)
[2023 RES-082 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-082 CONTRACT #15149](#)
- A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.
3. [2023 RES-091](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM A TO A PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH CORRE INC.
- Sponsors:** CHAWLA
- Attachments:** [2023 RES-091](#)
[2023 RES-091 FISCAL NOTE](#)
- A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.
4. [2023 RES-092](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM C TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAUK
- Sponsors:** CHAWLA and RIPP
- Attachments:** [RES-092](#)
[2023 RES-092 FISCAL NOTE](#)
- A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.
5. [2023 RES-093](#) AUTHORIZING GRANTS OF EASEMENT TO MADISON METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT- ICE AGE TRAIL JUNCTION NATURAL RESOURCE AREA
- Sponsors:** CHAWLA
- Attachments:** [2023 RES-093](#)
[RES-093 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[RES-093 MAP](#)
- A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by RIPP, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center lower level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, July 26, 2023
Goodland County Park
2849 Waubesa Ave, Madison

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

H. Adjourn

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by RIPP, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:33 PM.

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