



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, April 25, 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

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.

Present: 7 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, TOM THORESEN,
GEORGE GILLIS, NANCY BOGUE and STEFANIE BROUWER

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Sara Rigelman, Sharene Smith

Others Present: Jim Welsh (Groundswell Conservancy), Dave Walker (City of Verona)

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

LUNNEY requested a change of agenda order, moving Item H. 1 "Introduction of New Commission Members" before Item B "Consideration of Minutes." Commission members agreed to the request.

H. Announcements

1. Introduction of New Commission Members Nancy Bogue & Stefanie Brouwer

LUNNEY introduced the new Park Commission appointees Stefanie BROUWER and Nancy BOGUE who both provided their background and interests as they relate to parks and environmental protection. The Park Commission members and department staff also introduced themselves and provided background on their individual roles and expertise.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018
MIN-005](#)

PC MINUTES_4-11-18

Attachments: [2018 MIN-005 PC Minutes 4-11-18](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by GILLIS, that the minutes of April 11, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN, GILLIS, BOGUE and BROUWER

C. Fund Transfers - None**D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)**

Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund Grant Application - Sara Rigelman

[2017
RES-520](#)

AUTHORIZING A WISCONSIN HABITAT PARTNERSHIP FUND
GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

Sponsors: RIPP and KOLAR

Attachments: [2017 RES-520](#)
[2017 RES-520 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN, GILLIS, BOGUE and BROUWER

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**F. Presentations**

2018 Conservation Grant Requests

1. Jim Welsh (Groundswell)

Conservation Fund Grant for 10.9 acres in Town of Westport in Cherokee Marsh NRA
Conservation Fund Grant for 95.5 acres in Town of Burke for Cherokee Marsh NRA

Smith provided an overview of the two grant applications that were submitted by Groundswell Conservancy that are being considered for funding. Welsh presented both of the projects, describing how they support and implement the goals for Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area as identified in the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan.

2. David Walker (City of Verona)

Conservation Fund Grant 13.1 acres City of Verona for Fireman's Park Expansion in Badger Mill Creek NRA

Smith provided an overview of the project and how it fits with the Badger Mill Creek Natural Resource Area. Walker provided additional background on Fireman's Park and how this 13.1 acre acquisition will compliment future park developments. The 13.1 acre property includes important wetlands and frontage along Badger Mill Creek.

Smith concluded that all three of the grant applications will come before the Commission again as resolutions to consider for approval of grant funds.

G. Reports to Committee

1. Pheasant Branch - Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7 pm

Marsh provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting, which is to get feedback on a possible policy change that would prohibit dogs from a critical habitat area on County lands at Pheasant Branch Conservancy.

2. Parks & Trails Unite Festival

Marsh presented a poster for the Parks and Trails Unite Festival. The Festival is being held on June 2, 2018 from 10 am -7:00 pm and will be held along the Lake Waubesa shoreline at Lake Farm and McDaniel Parks. The event is a partnership between Dane County, Friends of Dane County Parks, the Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area and United Madison. The celebration is to bridge barriers and unite communities through our parks and trails. The festival will include live concerts at both McDaniel and Lake Farm Parks, food and beverages, educational outreach and many activities tied to both land and water. This free event supports the Parks Endowment and expanded opportunities for the parks volunteer program. Many volunteers will be needed to support the event.

H. Announcements

2. Upcoming Events

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
 5/4/18 MAS Field Trip, 6:30-8:30, Nine Springs E-Way & Lagoons - MAS
 5/8/18 American Family Vlntr Work Project, 1-4, Lake View - Friends of Lake View Hill
 5/10/18 Garage Sale Off Property, Schumacher Farm - Friends of Schumacher Farm
 5/10/18 Seed Collection, Tree Planting, Park Cleanup, 1-3, Goodland - DC Park Staff
 5/11/18 Garage Sale Off Property, Schumacher Farm - Friends of Schumacher Farm
 5/12/18 Donald Dash Trail Run - Friends of Donald Park
 5/12/18 Silverwood Farmers' Market, 8 am - Friends of Silverwood
 5/12/18 SW Trout Unlimited Workday, 9-noon, location TBD - SWTU Volunteers
 5/17/18 Walking Geology, 6:30-7:30 pm, Conservancy - Friends of Pheasant Branch
 5/18/18 Tree & Brush Removal Workday, 9-noon, Yahara Heights Annex - DC Park Staff
 5/19/18 Friends Work Day, 9-noon, Pheasant Branch - Friends of Pheasant Branch
 5/19/18 Vlntr Train Series-Invasive Plant ID, 9-noon, Donald Park - DC Park Staff
 5/22/18 Vlntr Train Series-Weeds & Wildflowers, 9-noon, Prairie Moraine-DC Park Staff
 5/22/18 FOCSRA & MMSD Quarterly Meeting, 12:30 pm - FOCSRA & DC Park Staff
 5/25/18 RAINDATE, Tree & Brush Removal Workday, 9-noon, Yahara Heights Annex

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. May 9th at 5:30 pm, Lyman Anderson Ag & Conservation Center
2. Park Summer Meeting Locations

Marsh presented a hand-out that suggested tour locations for this summer and outlined the places that had been toured in the past four years. The Commission agreed that they are interested in touring the following sites: Stewart Lake County Park, Prairie Moraine County Park, Silverwood County Park, and Schumacher Farm Park. RIPP indicated that it would be best if the tour for Schumacher Farm Park was the last one on September 26th. The rest of the tours will be scheduled based on the availability of Friends groups, volunteers, or partners.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Rigelman. Minutes are subject to committee approval.