



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, January 22, 2025

5:30 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 5:30 PM.

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

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan present.

Others Present: Jean Warrior, Stuart Macindoe.

Present: 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN,
GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE GOFORTH and DON POSTLER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-386](#)

Minutes of the January 8, 2025 Park Commission

Attachments: [2024 MIN-386 PC Minutes 01-08-25](#)

A motion was made by EICHER that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried
by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024](#)
[RES-286](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND
WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Sponsors: CHAWLA, POSTLER and ROSE

Attachments: [2024 RES-286](#)

[2024 RES-286 FISCAL NOTE](#)

[SUB to 2024 RES-286 \(PROPOSED CHAWLA\)](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that Sub. 1 to 2024
RES-286, which Requires 2/3rds Vote, be recommended for approval. The motion
carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

D. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from The Prairie Enthusiasts for the Uren Trust parcel in the Town of Blue Mounds - Erbe Grasslands

[2024](#)
[RPT-444](#)

The Prairie Enthusiasts U'ren Addition Presentation

Attachments: [TPE U'ren Addition Presentation](#)

It was agreed by unanimous consent to direct staff to prepare a resolution to award a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant to The Prairie Enthusiasts' for up to 50% of the acquisition costs, approximately \$395,000, to acquire a 77 acre property from the Uren Trust in the Town of Blue Mounds.

E. Presentations

1. Proposed Expansion of Multi-use Trails at Donald County Park

Lindsay Koehnke presented the project overview and public input process of a proposed expansion of multi-use trails at Donald County Park. She shared a summary of comments received. Staff recommends moving forward with the proposed multi-use trail expansion.

[2024](#)
[RPT-458](#)

Donald County Park Proposed Multi-use Trail Expansion Presentation

Attachments: [Donald Co Park Proposed Multi-use Trail Expansion Presentation](#)

Jean Warrior, Friends of Donald Park Board Member, spoke in support of the expansion of multi-use trails at Donald County Park.

[2024](#)
[COM-003](#)

Written Public Comment on Proposed Expansion of Multi-use Trails at Donald County Park from the Friends of Donald Park

Attachments: [Donald Park Multiuse Trail - letter from FODP Board](#)

Park Commissioners agree that it is in the best interest of Dane County Parks to expand the multi-use trails at Donald County Park as presented.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan asked if there were compost bins located in Dane County Parks and shared that it is an important element of sustainable waste management.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by BOGUE that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:28 PM.

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