



# Foundation for Dane County Parks, Inc.

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TO: Dane County Parks Commission

FROM: The Foundation for Dane County Parks, William Lunney President and Judie Pfeifer, Secretary

SUBJECT: Foundation Report and Update

DATE: May 8, 2019

The following activities have occurred.

- The Foundation has over \$ 530,000 in the Endowment held in the Madison Community Foundation.
- The Foundation will make its initial grant awards in 2019 from the endowment. A letter has been sent to all Friends groups and related entities requesting applications. Applications are due June 30. Announcement of the awards is expected about September 1. An Allocations Committee chaired by Andy Lewis has been appointed by the Foundation and will review the grants. It is composed of members of Friends groups, Dan Wisniewski, Foundation Board, and community leaders. Parks staff are non-voting members.
- A fund raising event is scheduled for September 18 at the Heritage Center with Bill Lunney's retirement from the Commission as the focus.
- Accessible piers grants have been submitted to several funding sources. Budgets have been developed and a committee is engaged in fund raising.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation and Dane County Parks has been drafted and conceptually approved but review by the Corporation Counsel is pending.
- The Foundation has been meeting with Parks Director to help match parks needs with possible funding sources. Tom Thoresen serves on that group.
- Foundation Board members include: Lon Sprecher, Matt Carlson, Judie Pfeifer, Barbabra Vertein, Mike Slavney, Jim Hubing, Caryl Terrell, Tom Thoresen, Dan Wisniewski, Gail Shea, and Bill Lunney.
- The Foundation sponsored the friends Summit in March 2019 attended by over 50 members of Friends groups.

We wish to publicly thank Parks staff for its support of our efforts.