



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, October 23, 2019

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room 121

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A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

Excused: 1 - ANALIESE EICHER

Youth Governance Program member present: Ziggy Bjurlin

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith

Others Present: Jim Welsh and Tony Abate from Groundswell Conservancy, Kevin Thusius with Ice Age Trail Alliance, Gary Werner

Meeting called to order by Chair RIPP at 5:35 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

PC MINUTES_9-25-19

Attachments: [2019 MIN-252_PC Minutes_9-25-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by THORESEN, that the minutes of September 25, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION ON DANE COUNTY PARKLAND

Sponsors: RIPP and EICHER

Attachments: [2019 RES-301](#)
[2019 RES-301 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

2. 2019 PARK AND TRAIL FLOOD REPAIR GRANT AWARDS

Sponsors: RIPP, BOLLIG, CORRIGAN, EICHER, JONES and MILES

Attachments: [2019 RES-302](#)
[2019 RES-302 Fiscal Note](#)
[SUB to 2019 RES-302 \(PROPOSED-PARKS COMMISSION\)](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the Resolution be amended to list the Town of Dunn's approximate project cost as \$60,000 vs \$260,000. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP 1/0

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BOGUE, that the resolution be recommended for approval as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

3. AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF VIENNA FOR FLOODWATER STORAGE AREA

Sponsors: RIPP and EICHER

Attachments: [2019 RES-307](#)
[2019 RES-307 Fiscal Note](#)

Gary Werner voiced support for the acquisition of the wetland purchase. RIPP stated that there was an 8" drain pipe that the Town put in a number of years ago to prevent the roadways from being flooded in this location.

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

4. AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: RIPP and EICHER

Attachments: [2019 RES-313](#)
[2019 RES-313 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

2020 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES & HISTORY

Attachments: [2019 ACT-158 2020 Proposed Fee Changes & History.pdf](#)
[2019 ACT-158 2020 Proposed Fee Increase Notice.pdf](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that proposed fee increases and the change to make all Dane County Park campsites reservable, be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

F. Presentations

Jim Welsh and Kevin Thusius provided a joint presentation of their Conservation Fund Projects as both are working with the Festge family on lands near each other. Both projects are within the Dane County Black Earth Creek Natural Resource Area and WDNR Black Earth Creek Fishery Area.

Groundswell proposes to purchase 5.2 acres along STH 14 which includes areas within the floodplain of Black Earth Creek. It is directly adjacent to the WDNR Fishery Area and once restored, will provide public access as well as wildlife and water quality enhancements to the area. The property will be open to public recreation including hunting, hiking and cross-county skiing. Groundswell has applied for a Knowles Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$52,000 and has received a \$1000 donation from the Southern Wisconsin Chapter of Trout Unlimited and \$10,000 in private gifts and asked for a Dane County Conservation Fund grant award of \$41,000.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance project is 45.7 acres and is adjacent to current ownership. The site includes an unglaciated hill (called the Mammoth's Back) and provides excellent views of the Black Earth Valley and the terminus of the glacier as it advanced down the valley. The site will have some continued farming while other areas will be reclaimed for wetlands and prairie/oak savannah restoration. The property will be open to public recreation including hunting, fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing. Ice Age Trail Alliance is awaiting a \$202,500 Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant and has received a \$10,000 donation from the Dane County Ice Age Trail Alliance chapter and a private gift in the amount of \$5000 from Gary Werner. The Alliance has applied for a Dane County Conservation Fund grant in the amount of \$213,750.

Gary Werner spoke in favor of both purchases. Both projects provide outstanding resource value for the community while filling in the gaps for a number of large land based project plans. Mr. Werner stated that he is donating to this project in order to preserve and protect these valuable resource areas.

1. Conservation Fund Project - Jim Welsh, Groundswell Conservancy

GROUNDSWELL PROJECT-FESTGE,FREDERICK

Attachments: [2019 PRES-087_Groundswell Project- Festge, Frederick Property.pdf](#)

2. Conservation Fund Project - Kevin Thusius, Ice Age Trail Alliance

ICE AGE PROJECT-MAMMOTH'S BACK

Attachments: [2019 PRES-088_Ice Age Project- Mammoth's Back.pdf](#)

G. Reports to Committee

1. Fish Lake Flooding - Darren Marsh

Marsh and RIPP provided an update on the flooding at Crystal Lake and Fish Lake and the steps that were being taken to prepare for additional flooding. RIPP noted that the water has come up between four and five feet since late in 2017. Portions of Fish Lake and Mussen Roads were under as much as three feet of water and closed to public use. Fish Lake Park is no longer accessible. Park staff prepared Fish Lake Park for the anticipated flooding by protecting a fresh water well and pumping out the restroom facility. At Lussier Park they removed the boat dock. At the present time Lussier Park will remain open to provide access to Fish Lake.

2. Bur Oak Blight Management - Adam Alves

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

H. Announcements

1. PARKS ACTIVITY-EVENT SCHEDULE OCT-NOV 2019

Attachments: [2019 RPT-337 Parks Activity-Event Schedule Oct-Nov 2019.pdf](#)

2. Marsh handed out the Land & Water Resource Department Budget Summary (as currently proposed)

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

November 6, 5:30 pm, Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

none

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

none

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darren Marsh. Minutes are subject to committee approval.