



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, November 18, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone

A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP and
GRACE MORAN

Excused: 2 - TOM THORESEN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

*GOFORTH and THORESEN were not present at the beginning of the meeting but were
present as noted below.*

Youth Governance Member Present: Sam Kaufmann

Staff/Others Present: Sharene Smith, Lael Pascual, Ryan Schwab, Darren Marsh

Chair RIPP called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

*Chair RIPP stated that both THORESEN and GOFORTH were currently in previously
scheduled meetings but would join the Park Commission meeting as soon as they could.*

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) PC MINUTES_10-28-20
[MIN-290](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-290](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Minutes of
October 28, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2020
RES-259](#)

ACCEPTING DONATION FROM SOUTHERN WISCONSIN TROUT
UNLIMITED

Sponsors: RIPP, DOWNING, EICHER, JOERS, RATCLIFF and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-259](#)
[2020 RES-259 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **MORAN**, 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

Approve 2020 Parks Directors Request for Distribution Grant from The Friends of Dane County Park Endowment - Madison Community Foundation

RIPP asked to hold off on this item until Thoresen joins the meeting. Move on to reports. THORESEN and GOFORTH arrive at 5:41pm.

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

Marsh stated that he is seeking Park Commission approval to request disbursement monies from the Friends of Dane County Endowment to cover Foundation Grants and for the parks volunteer program to help cover volunteer training, tools and supplies including shirts, hats, protective gear and other supplies to assist volunteers. THORESEN added that the Foundation for Dane County Parks has been very active in its role to support the volunteers and has distributed over \$30,000 in grants in the last two years.

[2020
ACT-210](#)

2020 REQUEST FOR DISTRIBUTION GRANT

Attachments: [2020 Distribution Grants - Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment](#)

A motion was made by **THORESEN**, seconded by **BROUWER**, that the Action Item of the Parks Director submitting the request for funds from the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Budget Update

RIPP stated that there were two 2021 Budget adjustments made by the County Board that are part of the Parks Budget area.

a) A \$2 Million grant appropriation was added to the County Budget specifically to support the City of Monona's purchase of the San Damiano property on Lake Monona. The restrictions with financial aid limits the property uses for more passive park and recreation along with storm water management. This budget amendment was done to create an independent grant project and not deplete the resources from the Conservation Fund Grant Program that support other communities and partner projects.

b) \$2 Million was added to the Flood Risk Reduction Fund for the purchase of lands to help with flood prevention.

THORESEN and GOFORTH arrive at 5:41 pm.

2. Lussier Family Heritage Center - Youth Educational Programming and 2021 Goals

Pascual provided a summary of the Lussier Family Heritage Center educational activities for 2020 and 2021.

2020 Programs:

- Expand Get Outside Programs*
- Increase Internships*
- Increase programming*
- COVID-19 Hits (hit pause button)*
- Pandemic shows greater need for outdoor programming*

2021 Goals

- Increase Outdoor Programming
Both Public and Private*
- Increase Education
Hands on approach
Leadership development*
- Increase Interpretation Opportunities
Outside with trails/new garden areas/signage
Permanent Story Book Trail
Inside new E-Way Model*

3. Foundation Update – Projects and Grants

THORESEN provided an update on the Foundation’s Grant program and the process used to select grant recipients. The Foundation has now hired two staff to help grow the capacity and provide program sustainability. Elisa Guerrero is a half-time Foundation Coordinator and Jess Hankey is a quarter time Fundraising Coordinator. These positions are sponsored through grants from the Madison Community Foundation and the Schlecht Family Foundation. The Foundation has brought together Dean Health and SSM Health together with Dane County for a three year program called “Healthy Parks Healthy You”. The partnership will promote healthy lifestyles, outdoor opportunities, and protecting the environment. The Foundation worked with the Madison Community Foundation for a way to highlight MCF’s 281 Legacy Members. The Pandemic cancelled their 2020 celebration in 2020, so they looked for an alternative way to promote Legacy members. The Foundation worked with Parks staff to secure a MCF Grant to purchase 281 trees that will be planted as Legacy Trees in 2021. The Foundation is continuing to seek grants to bolster the Accessible Piers Program. Current projects include the completion of the Wisniewski pier and access area at Salmo Pond, and updates at Babcock and Fish Camp.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Next Meeting: December 9th Virtual Meeting at 5:30pm
- 2. 2021 Meeting Schedule

The Commission discussed November and December 2021, and agreed to keep the current planned schedule and to adjust as needed in 2021.

[2020](#) 2021 PARK COMMISSION MEETINGS SCHEDULE DRAFT
[DISC-039](#)

Attachments: [2020 DISC-039](#)

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

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by MORAN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP:1/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

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

[2020](#)
[RPT-543](#)

MEETING REGISTRATION FOR PARK COMMISSION_11-18-20

Attachments: [MEETING REGISTRATION FOR PC 11-18-20](#)