



# 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?*

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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

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#### 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](#) Minutes of the January 8, 2025 Park Commission  
[MIN-386](#)

**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](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FISH AND  
[RES-286](#) 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.