



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, April 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Schumacher Farm County Park, Center for Rural
History, 5682 State Highway 19, Waunakee

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Sharene Smith.

Youth Governance Member Emily Cai present.

Friends of Schumacher Farm Members Present: Mark Pelton, Sue Manske, Gary Herzberg, Dennis Petzke, Rosa Ropers, Barb Johanningmeier, Nelle Kempfer.

Others Present: Mike Weber.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

Excused: 1 - ANALIESE EICHER

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2023 MIN-010](#) Minutes of the March 22, 2023 Park Commission

Attachments: [2023 MIN-010 PC Minutes 03-22-23](#)
[PC 03-22-23 Registration Report](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2023 RES-036](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR WAAKIKIZU NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, SCHAUER, COLLINS, HATCHER, JOERS and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-036](#)
[2023 RES-036 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-036 AREA MAP](#)
[2023 RES-036 SUBJECT MAP](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

2. [2023 RES-037](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR MCCARTHY YOUTH AND CONSERVATION COUNTY PARK FROM SCARLET BADGER, LLC

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, RATCLIFF, COLLINS, HATCHER, JOERS and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-037](#)
[2023 RES-037 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-037 AREA MAP](#)
[2023 RES-037 SUBJECT MAP](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

3. [2023 RES-038](#) AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR STREAM RESTORATION OF BLACK EARTH CREEK

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, COLLINS, HATCHER, HUELSEMANN and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-038](#)
[2023 RES-038 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

4. [2023 RES-039](#) AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WAUCHEETA CONNECTOR TRAIL

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, MILES, COLLINS, HATCHER, HUELSEMANN and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-039](#)
[2023 RES-039 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

5. [2023 RES-040](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF STEWARDSHIP GRANT FUNDING FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WAUCHEETA CONNECTOR TRAIL

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, MILES, COLLINS, HUELSEMANN, HATCHER and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-040](#)
[RES-040 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 6-0, YGP 1-0.

6. [2023 RES-041](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 2023 DONATED FUNDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF CAPITAL SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, COLLINS, HATCHER and RITT

Attachments: [RES-041](#)
[RES-041 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

D. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Election of Officers

CHAIR RIPP opened the floor for officer nominations.

BROUWER nominated THORESEN for chair. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by BROUWER to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for THORESEN. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

BROUWER self-nominated for vice-chair. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by BOGUE to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for BROUWER. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

GOFORTH self-nominated for second vice-chair. There were no other nominations. A motion was made by MORAN to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for GOFORTH. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Presentations

1. Friends of Schumacher Farm Park

The Friends of Schumacher Farm Park are carrying out Marcella Schumacher's dream of using her family's farmstead as a conservancy and park. The Friends restored the farm house to the 1930s era and have established an educational program that represents the life of the area's early settlers. Friends' President Mark Pelton presented on the Friends organization, highlighted their annual community events and described their current campaign to construct a Machinery Storage and Display Building.

[2023 RPT-072](#) Friends of Schumacher Farm Presentation April 26, 2023

Attachments: [Friends of Schumacher Farm Presentation April 26, 2023](#)

2. History of Schumacher Farm County Park

Schumacher Farm County Park is classified as a Historical/Cultural Site. It is a 116-acre property that features a prairie restoration, farmstead museum, and the Center for Rural History (CRH). Marcella Schumacher Pendall donated the original 40 acres in 1978. The park expanded with the purchase of another 78 acres in 2001, which prompted an update to the park's master plan in 2005. The CRH was completed in 2020.

3. Indian Lake County Park and Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan Update

The master plan planning process evaluated existing cultural, natural and historical features and incorporated public, stakeholder and staff input. Based on the input, Indian Lake County Park/Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area will remain relatively undeveloped, with an emphasis on continued large scale prairie and savanna restoration in open areas and management of the existing contiguous woodlands that provide exceptional bat habitat. Indian Lake County Park is classified as a recreation park, primarily serving users who are attracted to outdoor recreation with some expectation of developed access and facilities. The master plan's draft executive summary and maps showing two development alternatives were presented. The draft master plan presentation will be incorporated at a future Park and Open Space Plan public input meeting before the plan is finalized and recommended to the Park Commission and the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

[2023
RPT-073](#)

Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan
Summary DRAFT

Attachments: [Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan
Summary DRAFT](#)

F. Reports to Committee - None

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, May 10 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center lower level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison 53711
2. Wednesday, May 24
Jenni and Kyle Preserve
925 Post Rd, Madison, WI 53711

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

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:08 PM.

K. Optional - Tour Schumacher Farm County Park with Friends

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