



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, May 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Festge County Park
4894 Scherbel Road
Cross Plains WI 53528

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A. Call To Order

Present: 6 - DAVE RIPP, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, TOM THORESEN, NANCY BOGUE,
STEFANIE BROUWER and ANALIESE EICHER

Excused: 1 - WILLIAM LUNNEY

Youth Governance Program Member Excused: Sarah Fahlberg

Staff Present: Laura Hicklin, Pete Jopke, Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith, Rhea Stangel-Maier

Others Present: Supervisor Nikki Jones, Friends of Festge: Gary Nelson, Jeanette Hoard and Bill Carlson

Meeting called to order by Supervisor RIPP at 6 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019
MIN-039](#) PC MINUTES_5-8-19

Attachments: [2019 MIN-039_PC Minutes_5-8-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes of May 8, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0

[2019
MIN-040](#) PC MINUTES_5-13-19

Attachments: [2019 MIN_040_PC Minutes_5-13-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the minutes of May 13, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0.

C. Fund Transfers - None**D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)**

[2019
RES-044](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR PHEASANT BRANCH
CONSERVANCY

Sponsors: CORRIGAN, BAYRD, CHAWLA, McCARVILLE, MILES, RIPP, RUSK, SALOV and
STUBBS

Attachments: [2019 RES-044 Acker Middleton Farms Acquisition](#)

[2019 RES-044 Fiscal Note](#)

[SUB 1 TO 2019 RES-044](#)

[2019 RES-044 MAP Overview Acker](#)

[2019 RES-044 Subject MAP Acker](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the
Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion
carried by a voice vote: 6/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**F. Presentations - None****G. Reports to Committee**

1. Water Planning Projects - Pete Jopke, Water Resources Planner

Jopke gave an overview of water-based projects occurring on county park land.

[2019
RPT-079](#) WATER PLANNING PROJECTS 2019

Attachments: [2019 RPT-079 Water Related Parks Projects 2019.pdf](#)

[2019 RPT-079 Indian Lake Rehab Report 2019.pdf](#)

2. History of Festge County Park and Salmo Pond County Park - Darren Marsh, Parks
Director

*Marsh reported that Festge County Park is named after Otto and Evelyn Festge who
donated 16 acres on a limestone bluff overlooking the Black Earth Creek Valley in 1963.
Since then the park has grown to over 155 acres. The Park provides two shelters, a
scenic overlook, hiking trails, a play area and is within the Ice Age Trail Corridor.*

*Salmo Pond is named for the Latin word for fish in the salmon family. It is 7.5 acres and
includes access to a pond that was once used as a gravel pit, as well as access to a
world class trout stream. The park offers barrier-free access to both the pond and
stream. WDNR annually stocks the lake with trout.*

3. Friends of Festge Report

Gary Nelson, President of the Friends of Festge County Park, provided an overview of the vegetation management work along with some unique historical points related to the trees and vegetation. The restoration effort started in 2010 and phase one is nearly complete with 55 acres being restored. The Friends of Festge donate more than 4,000 hours annually to the restoration. Once the land is restored, fire will be used to maintain the oak savannah site. Work efforts include collecting prairie seed from the park, as well as from the park seed program, and planting on the newly cleared areas. The last project included raking the leaves and debris from the steep hillside to plant the seed. This friends group regularly uses Operation Fresh Start's county crews to assist with the restoration efforts. They also use other volunteer organizations. Each year students from the Chicago University donate time to help support this friends group. Nelson stated they needed more volunteer assistance and asked the county to work on new ways to recruit volunteers. He stated there are programs such as the Master Naturalist program that can greatly support our parks. He stated that both he and his son are both certified Master Naturalists.

H. Announcements

RIPP offered the following updates on the projects that were moving through the Public Works purchasing process:

- RFP for Sediment Removal for Token Creek*
- Solar Energy Project for Lake Farm Campground and Lussier Family Heritage Center*
- Capital City Repair Phase II*

5/17/19 FOCSSRA Bird Walk at Lake Farm #2, 8:30-11:30am - FOCSSRA
5/17/19 Prairie & Pollinator Garden Workday, LFHC, 9-noon - FOCSSRA
5/17/19 Vlntr Restoration Workday, Yahara Heights, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
5/18/19 Sugar River Davidson House Yard Cleanup, 10am - Berkan
5/18/19 Restoration Workday 9-noon - Friends of Pheasant Branch
5/18/19 Natural Resources Foundation Field Trip - Friends of Silverwood
5/18/19 Anderson Great WI Birdathon Event -Friends of Anderson
5/18/19 Barn Quilt Painting Workshop, 1 pm - Friends of Schumacher
5/19/19 Friends of Stewart Workday
5/20/19 Pheasant Branch Board of Director Meeting 5:15 pm
5/21/19 Friends of Donald Park Board of Directors Meeting
5/21/19 Zoo OFS Training Day - DC Park Staff
5/21/19 Weeds & Wildflowers, Cam Rock #2, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
5/21/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30-noon -Friends of Donald Park
5/22/19 Burn Training Recap, Badger Prairie Shelter, 5-9 pm - Brooklyn Friends, etc
5/24/19 Vlntr Restoration Workday, Festge, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
5/28/19 Vlntr Workday, Walking Iron, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
5/28/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30-noon - Friends of Donald Park
5/30/19 Certified Land Steward Orientation, LFHC, 9-3:30 - DC Park Staff
5/30/19 1st Grader Field Trip, Old Halfway Prairie, 9:30-1 - Halfway Docent
5/31/19 Dream Night HVZ - DC Park Staff
6/1/19 Steiner Creek Workday - SW Trout Unlimited
6/1/19 Ntnl Trails Day Free Water - Cap City Trail @ LFHC, 10-2 - FOCSSRA
6/1/19 Dane County Ice Age Trail Hike-a-thon, 8:30-4:30 - IATA
6/1/19 Stewart Park Goat Squad Remnant Restore, 12-2 pm - Friends of Stewart
6/3/19 FOCSSRA Workday with Humana Group, 8-4, raindate 6/12
6/4/19 Vlntr Workday Donald Park, 8:30-noon - Friends of Donald
6/4/19 Tunes on Tuesday, Pheasant Branch, 6-8 pm - Friends of Pheasant
6/5/19 Prairie Moraine Friends Meeting
6/5/19 Weeds & Wildflowers, Lake Farm Shelter 2, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
6/5/19 Prairie Moraine Workday, Dog Park Closed, 9-noon - Prairie Moraine Friends
6/5/19 FOSCRA Board Meeting, 3:30-5 pm
6/6/19 Antique Appraisal Event - Friends of Schumacher
6/7/19 Vlntr Restoration Workday, McCarthy, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
6/7/19 Prairie & Pollinator Workday, LFHC, 9-noon - FOCSSRA
6/8/19 Friends of Anderson Workday, 8-11 am - Friends of Anderson
6/11/19 Tunes on Tuesday, Pheasant Branch, 6-8 pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch
6/11/19 Vlntr Workday, Walking Iron, 9:00-noon DC Park Staff
6/11/19 Vlntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30-noon - Friends of Donald Park
6/12/19 FFA Conference - DC Parks Staff
6/14/19 Vlntr Restoration Workday, Indian Lake, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff

6/15/19 *Prairie Chase Run, Pheasant Branch, 8:00-12:30 - Friends of PB*
6/15/19 *Schumacher Farm Music Festival 3-8 pm - Friends of Schumacher*
6/15/19 *Workday Sugar River, Ziegler Property -SW Trout Unlimited*
6/16/19 *Friends of Stewart Workday*
6/16/19 *Father's Day Picnic, Donald Park - Friends of Donald Park*
6/17/19 *Pheasant Branch Board of Director Meeting 5:15 pm*
6/18/19 *Weeds & Wildflower, Prairie Moraine, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff*
6/18/19 *Tunes on Tuesday, Pheasant Branch, 6-8 pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch*
6/18/19 *Friends of Donald Park Board of Directors Meeting*
6/18/19 *VIntr Workday, Donald Park, 8:30- noon - Friends of Donald Park*
6/19/19 *Friends of Anderson Board Meeting, Oregon Town Hall, 7pm*
6/19/19 *FOCSRA Board Meeting, 4:30-6 pm, LFHC*
6/20/19 *Jenni & Kyle Fishing Day - DC Park Staff*
6/20/19 *Master Naturalist Train, Pheasant Branch, 4-8 pm - Friends of PB*
6/20/19 *Pheasant Branch Conservancy Day 6:30-7:30 pm - Friends of PB*
6/21/19 *VIntr Workday, Stewart, end of Blue View. 9am-noon -DC Parks Staff*
6/21/19 *Prairie Restore & Pollinator Workday, LFHC, 9-noon - FOCSRA*
6/22/19 *Barn Dance at Silverwood, 5 pm -Friends of Silverwood*
6/25/19 *Tunes on Tuesday, Pheasant Branch - 6-8 pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch*

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

June 12 @ 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: 6/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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