



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, August 29, 2018

6:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

5201 Fen Oak Dr - Room A/B

Madison WI 53718

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B

A. Call To Order

Supervisor Eicher arrived at 6:36 pm

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, TOM THORESEN, STEFANIE BROUWER and ANALIESE EICHER

Excused: 2 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and NANCY BOGUE

EICHER was not present at the beginning of the meeting but arrived as noted below.

Youth Governance Program Member Present: Sarah Fahlberg

Staff Present: Chris James, Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith

Others Present: Jim Welsh (Groundswell Conservancy)

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 6:30 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-195](#)

PC MINUTES_8-8-18

Attachments: [2018 MIN_195_PC Minutes_8-8-18](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the minutes of August 8, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN and BROUWER

Excused: 3 - WISNIEWSKI, BOGUE and EICHER

C. Fund Transfers - none

Chair LUNNEY asked the commission if they would consent to move agenda items "F. Public Hearing" and "E. Items Requiring Committee Action" to be next in agenda order. There were no concerns by the commission and the order was changed.

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Excused: 2 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and NANCY BOGUE

F. Public Hearing

Proposed 2019 Park Fees - 6:30 pm

Chair LUNNEY asked Marsh to provide a presentation on the proposed fees.

Marsh stated that the Commission had information in their meeting packet related to the proposed fees. Marsh then reviewed the process used to evaluate the proposed fees, how they were presented to the public and the procedure on how the fees move through the Park Commission approval process. Marsh stated that the Proposed Fee increases were minimal for 2019. The proposal includes:

•Combined Trail Permit: propose a \$6 increase in the Annual Permit from \$42 to \$48. Permit includes Cross Country Ski, Mt. Bike and Equestrian Permits with an overall value of \$66. There were 88 permits purchased in 2017. If this remains the same there will be approximately \$500 in additional revenues.

•Disc Golf Permit: proposed \$2 increase in the Annual Permit from \$48 to \$50. Permit provides for use at Capital Springs and Vallarta-Ast Courses. There were 1351 permits purchased in 2017. If this remains the same there will be approximately \$2700 in additional revenues.

•Disc Golf Tournaments: Propose \$30 increase in the daily course rental from \$170 to \$200. There are an average of 10 tournaments each year. This is expected to bring in an additional \$300.

•Camping Electric Sites: Propose \$1 increase from \$27 to \$28. There are an average of 9370 Electric Camping nights. This is expected to bring in about \$13,000

Marsh stated that the increase are expected to generate \$16,500.

LUNNEY opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 pm. He asked if there were any questions or input by the public. No public was present to speak. Marsh stated that he had received one email in support of the increase in the Combined Trail Pass and read the correspondence. Marsh then stated that there would be a two week comment period before the Commission would take action. The next PC meeting was scheduled for September 26th at Schumacher Farm County Park, almost four weeks away. All additional comments will be brought to the Commission at that time.

LUNNEY closed the Public Hearing at 6:48 pm.

[2018
ACT-129](#)

2019 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES & HISTORY

Attachments: [2018 ACT-129 2019 Proposed Fee Changes & History](#)
[2018 ACT-129 2019 Proposed Fee Increase Notice](#)

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

2018 Conservation Fund Grant Request: 36 acres, City of Fitchburg, South Waubesa Marsh Natural Resource Area, Groundswell Conservancy

Jim Welsh, Groundswell Conservancy provided a presentation on the proposed Conservation Grant. The proposed 36 acres of lands are within Dane County's Park & Open Space Plan South Waubesa Marsh Natural Resource Area boundary. The lands are located in the City of Fitchburg and are just to the south of Fitchburg's new Northeast Neighborhood development. Groundswell Conservancy intends to improve the wetlands that drain into Swan Creek that make up about half the 36 acres of land. They are also working with Calvin DeWitt on some water management options to handle stormwater discharge from the development. One discussion has been to remove not only phosphorus but also nitrates with the use of woodchip filter strips. They also want to work with Neighborhood Food Solutions to provide for garden plots and have kids come out from the Goodman Center and the Boys and Girls Club to provide agricultural education.

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, to recommended approval of Conservation Grant award for \$172,000, 50% of the established purchase price with \$2000 costs. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2018 RES-178](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE WI HABITAT PARTNERSHIP FUND - WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2018 RES-178](#)
[2018 RES-178 Fiscal Note](#)

Marsh stated that Parks Staff and partners such as the USFWS requested the habitat improvement monies to complete project work on county lands. This was the first year of the program. We are very excited to have the added resources to improve habitat in a number of the parks. Sara Rigelman will be the point person for the Parks Division on the grant projects.

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

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

2. [2018 RES-180](#) AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO A PURCHASE OF SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Sponsors: RITT

Attachments: [2018 RES-180](#)
[2018 RES-180 Fiscal Note](#)

Chris James stated that the Town of Westport will be taking the lead to complete plans and specification for the North Mendota Trail. The contract will include the area from Woodland Drive to the state park.

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

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

3. [2018 RES-186](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE ICE AGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Sponsors: KNOLL, BUCKINGHAM, DYE, ERICKSON, JONES, RITT, RUSK and WEGLEITNER

Attachments: [2018 RES-186](#)
[2018 RES-186 Fiscal Note](#)
[2018 RES-186 Map IceAgeTrail](#)

Sharene Smith stated that the County would partner with the City of Madison to purchase 40 acres to extend the Ice Age Trail. The City of Madison and Ice Age Trail Alliance will manage the land. The cost for the parcel of land is 2 million dollars. The City will pay 1.5 million and the County would contribute \$500,000.

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

G. Presentations - none

H. Reports to Committee - none

I. Announcements

• *Volunteer Appreciation Picnic – September 13th from 4-7 pm at Lake Farm County Park Area #2*

• *Storm Damage - Marsh provided a brief summary of the flooding and storm damage that occurred over the last week.*

8/30/18 *Fall Seed Collection, Schumacher Farm, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
8/31/18 *Aldo Leopold, Youth Program - Forestry - DC Parks Staff*
9/3/18 *VIntr Ed, Prairie Seed Collection, E-Way Lake Farm, 9-noon-DC Park Staff*
9/4/18 *Fall Seed Collection, E-Way Lake Farm Rd, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/4/18 *Summer Series Yoga on the Hill, 6-7 pm - Friends of Lake View Hill*
9/7/18 *Seed Clean/Hammermilling Workday, Libby Rd, 9-noon&1-3:30-DC Park Staff*
9/7/18 *Master Gardeners Prairie Planting at Heritage Ctr prairies - FOCSRA LTE*
9/8/18 *Silverwood Farmers' Market, 8 am - Friends of Silverwood*
9/9/18 *Annual Heritage Fest, Schumacher Farm, noon- 5 pm - Friends of Schumacher*
9/10/18 *VIntr Ed, Prairie Seed Collect, Pheasant Branch, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/11/18 *OFS Volunteers on 9/11, TBD - Friends & Staff*
9/11/18 *Friends of Lake View Hill Board Mtg, 5 pm - Friends of Lake View Hill*
9/11/18 *Trail Run, Silverwood - Edgerton School District & Friend of Silverwood*
9/12/18 *Fall Seed Collection, Pheasant Branch-Co Lands, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/13/18 *Seed Collect CLA & American Family, Lake Farm #2, 1-3 pm - DC Park Staff*
9/13/18 *Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Lake Farm Shelter #2 - DC Park Staff*
9/15/18 *Friends Work Day, Pheasant Branch, 9-noon - Friends of Pheasant Branch*
9/17/18 *VIntr Ed Train, Prairie Seed Collection, Donald Park, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/18/18 *Fall Seed Collection, Pheasant Branch-Co Lands, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/19/18 *Fall Seed Collect, Yahara Heights-Co Lands@Canton Ln, 9-noon -DC Park Staff*
9/20/18 *Seed Collection w/ CLA & Hydrite, Lake Farm #2, 1-3pm - DC Park Staff*
9/21/18 *Fall Equinox Madison Drum/Dance, Lake View, 7-9 pm-Friends of Lake View*
9/21/18 *Seed Clean/Hammermilling Workday, Libby Rd, 9-noon&1-3:30 -DC Park Staff*
9/21/18 *Master Gardeners Prairie Planting at Heritage Ctr prairies - FOCSRA LTE*
9/21/18 *Summer Yoga on the Hill, Lake View, 6-7 pm - Friends of Lake View Hill*
9/22/18 *VIntr Ed Train, Chainsaw/Brush Cutter Mtnc, Robertson, 9-11 am -DC Park Staff*
9/22/18 *VIntr Ed Train, Tree Planting & Gravel Bed, River Rd, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/22/18 *UW Madison Navy ROTC Volunteers, Anderson - Friends of Anderson Park*
9/24/18 *Prairie Seed Collection Training, Indian Lake, 9-noon - DC Park Staff*
9/26/18 *Fall Seed Collection, Swamplovers, Cross Plains, 9-noon- DC Park Staff*
9/26/18 *Edgewood in the Community-Festge, Friends of Festge*
9/26/18 *Edgewood in the Community-Schumacher (tentative) -Friends of Schumacher*

J. Future Meeting Items and Dates

September 26, 6 pm @ Schumacher Farm County Park

K. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

none

L. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

none

CLOSED SESSION: The Commission entered into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): The Commission may go into closed session for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

M. Closed Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, that this meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0 YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

N. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that this meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

O. Adjourn

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

Ayes: 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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