



# 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, December 11, 2019

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center  
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B  
Madison WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 4 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER and DAVE RIPP

**Excused:** 2 - TOM THORESEN and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

*Tom Thoresen was not present at the beginning at the meeting but was present as noted below.*

*Youth Governance Program member present: Ziggy Bjurlin*

*Staff Present: Sharene Smith, Chris James, Darren Marsh*

*Others Present: Roe Parker from Anderson Park Friends, Inc.*

*Meeting called to order by Chair RIPP at 5:30 pm.*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)  
[MIN-324](#)

PC MINUTES\_11-6-19

**Attachments:** [2019 MIN-324\\_PC Minutes\\_11-6-19.pdf](#)

[2019 MIN-324\\_Registration before Co Committee\\_11-6-19.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Minutes of November 6, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0**

*Chair RIPP requested a change of agenda order to move Item J, "Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda," to be covered next. There were no objections.*

**J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*Chair RIPP recognized Roe Parker, Chair of the Anderson Park Friends, Inc. Parker shared an update from his group.*

2019

- *Food Pantry Gardens – onions and lettuce supporting local food pantry*
- *Candle Walk Bonfire Event – attendance over 700 people*
- *\$25,000 in donations to purchase a utility tractor and attachments*
- *Thanks to the Parks and the Foundation for the Volunteer Summit and the Volunteer Recognition Picnic. These events really demonstrate the support that is being given to the volunteers and organizations helping support the parks.*

2020 Plans

- *Expand the pantry gardens and produce more food*
- *Expand our community engagement creating additional connections and value to the community*
- *Looking forward to new dog park and bike/pedestrian trail*
- *Continue restoration efforts to improve the prairie and woodlots at the park*

**C. Fund Transfers - None**

*THORESEN arrived at 5:44 pm.*

**Present:** 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP and TOM THORESEN

**Absent:** 1 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

**D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)**

1. [2019 RES-385](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY (FESTGE)

**Sponsors:** RIPP, JONES, EICHER, KIEFER, KNOLL, MILES, RITT and SALOV

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-385](#)  
[2019 RES-385 Map](#)  
[2019 RES-385 Fiscal Note](#)

**A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0**

2. [2019 RES-386](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO ICE AGE TRAIL ALLIANCE (FESTGE)

**Sponsors:** RIPP, JONES, EICHER, KIEFER, KNOLL, MILES, RITT and SALOV

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-386](#)  
[2019 RES-386 Map](#)  
[2019 RES-386 Overview Map](#)  
[2019 RES-386 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by **BOGUE**, seconded by **BROUWER**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

3. [2019 RES-387](#) APPROVE CROP LEASE RENEWALS ON COUNTY LAND

**Sponsors:** RIPP and EICHER

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-387](#)  
[2019 RES-387 CP Map Uphoff Grove Drumlin NRA](#)  
[2019 RES-387 CP Map Williamson CherokeeMarsh 2019](#)  
[2019 RES-387 CP Map Brown Neperud 2017](#)  
[2019 RES-387 Bldg Map Brown 2020](#)  
[2019 RES-387 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **EICHER**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

4. [2019 RES-388](#) AUTHORIZING STREAMBANK EASEMENT ON THE SUGAR RIVER - SARBACKER LAND COMPANY, LLC

**Sponsors:** RIPP and EICHER

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-388](#)  
[2019 RES-388 Map](#)  
[2019 RES-388 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: 5/0, YGP: 1/0

5. [2019 RES-389](#) APPROVE FARMSTEAD LEASE AT SILVERWOOD COUNTY PARK

**Sponsors:** RIPP, EICHER and SALOV

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-389](#)  
[2019 RES-389 Map](#)  
[2019 RES-389 Fiscal Note](#)

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

6. [2019 RES-390](#) APPROVE AGRICULTURAL LEASE AT SILVERWOOD COUNTY PARK

**Sponsors:** RIPP, EICHER and SALOV

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-390](#)  
[2019 RES-390 Map](#)  
[2019 RES-390 Fiscal Note](#)

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

7. [2019 RES-391](#) AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS FOR ACCESSIBLE SHORE FISHING ENHANCEMENTS

**Sponsors:** RIPP, EICHER and MILES

**Attachments:** [2019 RES-391](#)  
[2019 RES-391 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by THORESEN, 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 - None**

**F. Presentations - None**

**G. Reports to Committee**

## 1. Property Stabilization Report - Babcock and Acker Properties

*Marsh stated that work was proceeding at the new Babcock properties and that the park operations staff should have the majority of the buildings down by the end of this week.*

*Marsh handed out the stabilization work plan prepared by Sara Rigelman who is overseeing the project work. Staff plan to save as many of the oak trees and other non-invasive trees as they can. Efforts are being made to save a large cottonwood and a planted river birch. Unfortunately there are many ash trees and box elders that will need to be removed. Areas where most of these trees are located have been marked. The stabilization plan is posted at the site and a letter went out to the neighbors and town officials. See files below.*

*Work has already begun on the former Acker Property addition to the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Staff have abandoned the well and pumped the septic system. Power will be disconnected to the site this week. The Middleton Fire Department will hold a training burn at the site this weekend, taking down the wood barn and shed structures. Next week the asbestos will be removed from the house. The fire department is also looking at another training exercise in January that will remove the house. Access to the property will be restricted by gating. A property stabilization sign will be posted at the access drive to give the public project information. See file below.*

[2019  
RPT-481](#)

PROPERTY STABLIZATION REPORT\_BABCOCK & ACKER

**Attachments:** [2019 RPT-481 Babcock Trees & Buildings.pdf](#)  
[2019 RPT-481 Babcock Neighbor Letter.pdf](#)  
[2019 RPT\\_481\\_Acker Concept Plan.pdf](#)

## 2. Great Sauk-Walking Iron Trail Bridge Feasibility Study Update

*Chris James provided a PowerPoint that was prepared by the consulting firm MSA that recently completed the bridge feasibility study. The bridge span to cross the river is approximately 500 feet and will consist of single piers that will support three prefabricated bridge spans to accommodate the proposed multimodal trail open to bike/pedestrian/snowmobile use. The trail would be 14' wide and have bumpouts for public viewing and fishing. James showed pictures of what the bridge would look like and noted it is designed to mimic the former railroad bridge. The next step will be to seek partnerships to contribute to the bridge project funding. The estimated cost is approximately \$8 million.*

## 3. Phase 2 Lower Yahara River Trail Update

*Chris James stated that a public information meeting will be held for planning of the second phase of the Lower Yahara River Trail at 7 pm on January 15, 2020 at the Pleasant Springs Town Hall. Phase Two of the trail is from Fish Camp County Park through Lake Kegonsa Sate Park to Williams Drive. The corridor is primarily wetland, and will be very similar to the first phase of trail development, requiring boardwalks and a bridge over Door Creek. Trailheads for this project will be Fish Camp County Park and Lake Kegonsa Sate Park. The planning process is anticipated to be completed in 2020.*

**H. Announcements**

[2019](#) PARKS ACTIVITY-EVENT SCHEDULE\_DEC 2019 - JAN 2020  
[RPT-444](#)

Attachments: [2019 RPT-444](#)

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next Meeting: January 8, 2020, 5:30 pm, Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

**K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None*

**L. Closed Session**

**A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by EICHER, that the meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0**

*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. Return to Open Session**

**A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by THORESEN, that the meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0**

**N. Adjourn**

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

*Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.*

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