



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, July 28, 2021

5:30 PM

Anderson Farm County Park
914 Union Rd
Oregon, WI 53575

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff present: Joleen Stinson, Alex DeSmidt, Sharene Smith.

Others present: Supervisor Chuck Erickson. Town of Oregon Board Chair Wayne Ace. Anderson Park Friends members: Roe Parker, Jay Bonnell, Nancy Murphy, Sue and Bob Eagle, Sue and John Faust. Rooted Community Garden Coordinator Nou Thao. Jann Kalscheur and members of the Kalscheur family.

Present: 7 - ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE GOFORTH, NANCY BOGUE and STEFANIE BROUWER

Donated Sculpture Dedication

Chair Ripp requested to move the Donated Sculpture Dedication to the top of the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members. Roe Parker introduced Chair Dave Ripp and Joleen Stinson, who both expressed sincere thanks to the Kalscheur family for the art sculpture donation. Jann Kalscheur then spoke about how the sculpture, donated in memory of her husband Gary, captures the spirit of Anderson Farm County Park and Gary's memory - including the natural beauty of the prairie, the new bike trail and a future baseball diamond.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021
RPT-242](#)

Minutes of the June 23, 2021 Park Commission Meeting

Attachments: [2021 PC MINUTES 6-23-21](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2021
RES-069](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 2021 GRANT FUNDING HABITAT
IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: RIPP, JOERS, RITT and DOOLAN

Attachments: [2021 RES-069](#)
[2021 RES-069 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 7-0.

[2021
RES-100](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO
GROUNDWELL CONSERVANCY (OLSON)

Sponsors: RIPP, RITT, SMITH, VELDRAN and CHAWLA

Attachments: [2021 RES-100](#)
[2021 RES-100 Fiscal Note](#)
[2021 RES-100 MAP Olson Subject](#)
[2021 RES-100 MAP Olson Project Boundary](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **GOFORTH**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

Dog Park Construction Update

Alex DeSmidt, Park Facility Planner, provided an overview of the 35 acre off-leash dog park currently under construction at the south end of Anderson Farm County Park. The dog park includes a large prairie restoration, parking lot with stormwater facilities, limestone trails throughout the fenced off-leash area, informational kiosk and a vault (pit) restroom. The construction project includes upgrades throughout the park, such as paving the multi-use trail and the Union Rd parking lot. DeSmidt noted that parks operations staff completed much of the construction in-house.

Rooted Community Garden

Nou Thao, Rooted Community Garden Coordinator, reported that 12 acres of the park is planted in community gardens, broken up into 23 - 1/4 acre garden plots. Seventeen of the gardeners are Hmong and one of them is a market gardener. Many of the gardeners were displaced from the Badger Rock Community Garden. Dane County Parks installed an irrigation well earlier this year and Rooted will submit a Dane County Parks Friends Capital Improvement Grant application to install irrigation lines from the new well to each plot. Thao invited everyone to attend a rock picking event on August 14.

Anderson Park Friends, Inc

Roe Parker introduced Anderson Park Friends members in attendance: Jay Bonnell, Nancy Murphy, Sue and Bob Eagle, Sue and John Faust. He reported that the group has 176 members with an 88% retention rate. He highlighted their major accomplishments, including a 20 acre forest restoration, five acre prairie restoration, bluebird house monitoring, native plantings in the dog park stormwater basins and around the donated sculpture, ongoing partnership with the local boy scouts, food pantry gardens, coordination with the Anderson family, interpretive signage development and special events like Maple Syrup Festival, Arbor Day and Candlelight Hike. Nan Bogue expressed thanks on behalf of the Park Commission for their dedication and volunteerism.

G. Reports to Committee

The County Board Meeting on August 19, 2021 is scheduled to be held at the Lussier Family Heritage Center, pending changes in COVID meeting policy.

Chair Ripp acknowledged the Simpson Street press, who covered the Park Commission meeting this evening, has done an excellent job reporting on Dane County Parks this year.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

August 11, 2021 Virtual

August 25, 2021 Walking Iron County Park

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

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Park Commission be adjourned at 6:47 PM. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

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