



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, March 25, 2026

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person
at the Heritage Center Upper Level,
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison;
attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.
Staff Present: James Brodzeller, Alex DeSmidt, Lael Pascual, Sharene Smith,
Joleen Stinson.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan excused.

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, TOM THORESEN, DON POSTLER and
JASMINE BANKS

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-642](#)

Minutes of the March 11, 2026 Park Commission

Attachments: [2025 MIN-642 Park Commission Minutes 03-11-2026](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BANKS, that the Minutes be
approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2025](#)
[RES-402](#)

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER #05 FOR THE WALKING IRON TRAIL PHASE
1 CONSTRUCTION; 6715 CTH 78, MAZOMANIE, WI. CONTRACTOR: ZENITH
TECH INC

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-402](#)
[2025 RES-402 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-402 CO#05](#)

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.

[2025
RES-407](#)

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR BLACK EARTH CREEK HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION AT SCHULTZ RD & HWY 14, BLACK EARTH, WI. CONTRACTOR: HGS, LLC.

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER and FRIES

Attachments: [2025 RES-407](#)
[2025 RES-407 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-407 CONTRACT #16221](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **BOGUE**, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

[2025
RPT-826](#)

Black Earth Creek Restoration Presentation

Attachments: [Black Earth Creek Restoration Presentation](#)

James Brodzeller presented an overview of the Black Earth Creek restoration and remeandering project planned for the Black Earth Creek Fishery & Wildlife Area. He highlighted anticipated benefits including improved flood mitigation, enhanced stream function, and strengthened fisheries habitat.

[2025
RES-409](#)

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LUNNEY LAKE FARM COUNTY PARK BOAT LAUNCH & PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT 4286 LIBBY RD. MADISON, WI. CONTRACTOR: POBLOCKI PAVING CORP

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-409](#)
[2025 RES-409 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-409 CONTRACT #16224](#)

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.

D. Reports to Committee

1. 2027 Park Fees: Data Sharing and Initial Guidance

Joleen Stinson and Lael Pascual presented data to support ongoing discussions around potential 2027 fee adjustments, including permit sales and reservation history, resident versus non-resident permit distribution, and fee comparisons with peer counties in the Midwest. Commissioners were asked a series of initial questions to help guide development of a draft fee proposal. This input will assist Supervisor Postler, along with staff, in refining options for 2027 fees, with a draft proposal to be brought forward for further discussion at the next meeting. Chair Thoresen reminded Commissioners to send fee-related comments or questions directly to Parks Director Stinson and/or Supervisor Postler to avoid a walking quorum.

[2025](#) Park Permit Fee Data
[RPT-827](#)

Attachments: [Park Permit Fee Data](#)

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, April 22, 2026
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Thursday, May 7, 2026
Land & Water Resources Department
5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison

[2025](#) 2026 Park Commission Meeting Schedule
[RPT-464](#)

Attachments: [2026 PC Meeting Schedule updated 3-11-2026](#)

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

H. Closed Session

A motion was made by **BROUWER** that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Chair THORESEN, Supervisor POSTLER and BANKS

The Commission (or Committee) met in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing or acquiring of property where open discussion of bargaining positions and strategies would discourage bargaining and harm the public's interest in obtaining properties. The authority for this possible closed session is Wis.Stat.19.85(1) (e).

I. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by POSTLER that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Chair THORESEN, Supervisor POSTLER and BANKS

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by BOGUE that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:48 PM.

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