



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 14, 2025

5:30 PM

Fish Lake County Park
7764 Fish Lake Rd
Sauk City, WI 53583

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan present.

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

*Others Present: Sabina Agrawal, Pam & Jeff Clemens, Greer Deneen, Peggy Frey,
Roman & Jeff Hass, Trudi & John Marquardt, Mike Ramaked, Dave Ripp, Tom & Sandi
Rutherford, Marc Watson.*

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and
DON POSTLER

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-047](#)

Minutes of the April 24, 2025 Park Commission

Attachments: [2025 MIN-047 Park Commission Minutes 04-24-2025](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER that the Minutes be approved. The motion
carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025](#)
[RES-010](#)

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SUGAR RIVER WILDLIFE AREA FALK WELLS
NORTH WETLAND RESTORATION, 7045 SUNSET DRIVE, VERONA, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-010](#)
[2025 RES-010 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-010 CONTRACT #15837](#)

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

2. [2025 RES-016](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO TOWN OF DUNKIRK AND GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY

Sponsors: MARREN, FRIES, POSTLER, BLAZEWICZ and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-016](#)
[2025 RES-016 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-016 AREA MAP](#)
[2025 RES-016 SUBJECT MAP](#)

A motion was made by BROWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

3. [2025 RES-017](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY - VILLAGE EDGE, LLC

Sponsors: DOOLAN, BLAZEWICZ, ENGELBERGER and POSTLER

Attachments: [2025 RES-017](#)
[2025 RES-017 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-017 AREA MAP](#)
[2025 RES-017 SUBJECT MAP](#)

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

4. [2025 RES-019](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM C TO A PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH CORRE INC.

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-019](#)
[2025 RES-019 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-019 MAP](#)

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

5. [2025 RES-021](#) ACCEPTANCE OF NORTH AMERICA WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT GRANT SUB-AWARD FROM DUCKS UNLIMITED INC

Sponsors: CHAWLA, FRIES, BLAZEWICZ, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER and PETERS

Attachments: [2025 RES-021](#)
[2025 RES-021 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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

6. [2025 RES-022](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TOKEN CREEK PARK STORAGE BUILDING IN THE TOWN OF BURKE, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-022](#)
[2025 RES-022 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-022 CONTRACT #15836](#)

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

7. [2025 RES-023](#) ACCEPTANCE OF US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE FUNDS FOR FALK WELLS SUGAR RIVER WILDLIFE AREA RESTORATION

Sponsors: CHAWLA, FRIES, BLAZEWICZ, POSTLER, ENGELBERGER and PETERS

Attachments: [2025 RES-023](#)
[2025 RES-023 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

8. [2025 RES-024](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE WALKING IRON WILDLIFE AREA AMENDA ROAD SOUTH WETLAND RESTORATION AT MAZOMANIE, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER and FRIES

Attachments: [2025 RES-024](#)
[2025 RES-024 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-024 CONTRACT #15838](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

D. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Collaborative Friends Grant Awards and Madison Community Foundation Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment Distribution Request

Joleen Stinson presented a request for the Park Commission's approval of the 2025 Collaborative Friends Grant awards and authorization to request a \$9,043 distribution from the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment at the Madison Community Foundation to help fund the selected projects.

[2025
ACT-036](#)

Endowment Distribution Request for 2025 Collaborative Friends Grants

Attachments: [Endowment Distribution Request for 2025 Collaborative Friends Grants](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Action Item be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Presentations**1. Dane County Youth Governance Program**

Aleena Sanghvan presented an overview of the Dane County Youth Governance Program, highlighting its mission to engage youth in local government and civic leadership. She shared details about an upcoming project—Sustainability Safari—an interactive, youth-led event at the Henry Vilas Zoo on May 28, 2025, focused on promoting sustainable practices like composting, recycling, and food waste reduction through hands-on activities and community engagement.

[2025
RPT-084](#)

Dane County Youth Governance Program (YGP) Group Project Summary

Attachments: [YGP Project Summary Presentation](#)

2. History of Fish Lake & Lussier County Parks & Crystal Lake Wildlife Area

Alex DeSmidt presented an overview of the history and amenities of Fish Lake County Park and the surrounding Dane County Parks properties, highlighting their recreational offerings and natural features. He also discussed the park's significance within the broader context of the county's land management and conservation efforts.

F. Reports to Committee**1. DRAFT Parks and Open Space Plan 2025-2030: Review Input & Schedule**

Alex DeSmidt presented an update on the Dane County Park and Open Space Plan, including a summary of public comments received to date. He noted that the comment period will close at the end of the day, and next steps include making revisions based on the feedback and submitting the plan for adoption by the Dane County Board, which is expected to take place this summer.

[2025
RPT-052](#)

DRAFT Parks and Open Space Plan 2025-2030

Attachments: [DRAFT 2025-2030 POSP Report](#)
[DRAFT 2025-2030 POSP System Map](#)
[DRAFT 2025-2030 POSP Trails Map](#)

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Badger Prairie County Park
4654 Maple Grove Dr, Verona
2. Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Viking County Park
Canoe/Kayak Launch
2525 County Highway B, Stoughton

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Neighbors inquired about the future of Mussen Road and the remaining privately owned houses that are still submerged in Fish Lake.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

J. Closed Session

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by POSTLER, that the be enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: YGP Sanghvan

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

Excused: 2 - Supervisor EICHER and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

The Commission (or Committee) plans to meet 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).

K. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by BROUWER, that the be exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: YGP Sanghvan

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

Excused: 2 - Supervisor EICHER and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 PM.

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