

APPROVE FARMSTEAD LEASE AT SILVERWOOD COUNTY PARK

Silverwood County Park, located in the Town of Albion in southeastern Dane County, was donated by Irene Silverwood in 2002 to be used for recreation, conservation, research, education and agricultural purposes. The property includes a farmstead area on approximately 2.3 acres that includes a historic Stone House, farm buildings and agricultural structures.

The county, in conjunction with the Friends of Silverwood Park (FOSP), completely renovated the Stone House into a visitor center. The FOSP use the Stone House for office space, programming education, meetings and special events. The remaining farm buildings and structures are utilized by the FOSP's for programming and the storage of farming equipment, tools and supplies.

Parks recommends granting a ten year lease to FOSP to formalize their use maintenance and management of the farmstead area and buildings. The FOSP will continue to use the farmstead area at no charge. In lieu of rent, FOSP will be required to submit an annual report detailing accomplishments, programming, revenues and expenditures, and planning to Dane County Parks.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors approve the above described Lease and the Dane County Executive and County Clerk be authorized to execute the Lease contract with FOSP;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Land & Water Resources Director, Dane County Parks Director and Real Estate Coordinator be authorized to act as the County's representative in administering the lease.