



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, January 8, 2020

5:30 PM

Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B

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Chair RIPP asked if there were any objections to cover Item "F. Presentations" by Groundswell before the rest of the agenda due to lack of quorum and time limitations of the Park Commission members. There were no objections. The presentations were presented to a Park Commission Subcommittee of RIPP, BOGUE and BJURLIN.

F. Presentations

1. Conservation Grant - Groundswell Conservancy for Lower Mud Lake (69 acres), Brost

Tony Abate from Groundswell discussed their planning work to secure lands in the Lower Mud Lake Natural Resource Area. Property is adjacent to DNR public hunting lands and other properties that have been targeted for cultural and natural resource preservation.

2. Conservation Grant - Groundswell Conservancy for Halfway Prairie Creek (10 acres), Wolf

Jim Welsh from Groundswell discussed securing lands adjacent to the Village of Mazomanie along Halfway Prairie Creek for water quality, fish habitat and recreational access. The lands would allow for a future connection to the proposed Walking Iron multiuse trail leading to the Great Sauk Trail, Sauk County. It will provide a direct connection to the Wolf Run Trail and the proposed trail linking the communities along the Black Earth Valley. Sharene Smith, Dane County Real Estate Coordinator, and Welsh clarified that this is not a Conservation Fund Grant project but a partner project with the county funding the purchase, Groundswell and the county co-holding the easement, and Groundswell managing the property.

A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, DAVE RIPP and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

Youth Governance Program Member Present: Ziggy Bjurlin

Staff Present: Sharene Smith, Chris James, Darren Marsh

Others Present: Madison Audubon Members: Matt Reetz, Roger Packard, Mark Martin;
Groundswell Conservancy Members: Tony Abate and Jim Welsh

Meeting called to order by Chair RIPP at 5:45 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) PC MINUTES_12-11-19
[MIN-382](#)

Attachments: [2019 MIN-382](#)
[2019 MIN-382 Registration before Co Committee_12-11-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes of December 11, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2019](#) AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF 2019 BUDGET TO ACCEPT COST SHARE
[RES-411](#) FUNDS

Sponsors: RITT, CHAWLA, DOWNING and JONES

Attachments: [2019 RES-411](#)
[2019 RES-411 Fiscal Note](#)

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: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

Chair RIPP asked if there were any objections to covering the Closed Session next on the agenda due to time constraints for commission members. There were no objections.

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

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 THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

G. Reports to Committee

1. Blue Mounds State Park Master Plan Update

Chris James, Parks Senior Landscape Architect, provided an update on the Blue Mounds State Park Master Plan. Dane County asked the State to also include elements contained in the 2018-2023 Park and Open Space Plan in their draft Master Plan Alternatives. Elements included a future multiuse bike/pedestrian trail, potential mountain bike trail connection, dog exercise area and future land acquisitions within a common planning boundary.

2. Status of Winter Recreation Activities

Darren Marsh, Parks Director, stated at this time the parks are prepared to provide for winter activities. The weather has not cooperated up to this point. Marsh stated due to lack of snow and safe ice, park use will be down for December and January. Saturday, January 11th is the county "ski free" day for cross country skiing. With the anticipated snow there may be acceptable skiing conditions on Sunday, January 12th. Snowmobile trails need at least frozen ground and 6 inches of snow base with extended below freezing temperatures before they can open.

H. Announcements

[2019
RPT-501](#)

PARKS ACTIVITY-EVENT SCHEDULE_JAN 2020

Attachments: [2019 RPT-501](#)

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: January 22, 2020, 5:30 pm, Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation Center

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by THORESEN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

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