



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 28, 2025

5:30 PM

Badger Prairie County Park Shelter
4654 Maple Grove Dr, Verona

A. Call To Order

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

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan absent.

Staff Present: Alex DeSmidt, Andy Paulios, Dan Schmitt, Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson.

Others Present: Andrew Eveland.

Present: 4 - STEFANIE BROUWER, GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE GOFORTH and DON POSTLER

Excused: 3 - NANCY BOGUE, ANALIESE EICHER and TOM THORESEN

Vice Chair Brouwer requested to move the Presentation up on the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members.

E. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Village of Belleville for a trailhead purchase, Sugar River NRA

Andrew Eveland, Assistant Village Administrator of Belleville, presented the Carolina Street Park project. The Village plans to acquire two residential lots to develop a neighborhood park and trailhead, providing public access to 135 acres of natural conservancy land along the Sugar River. The project aims to connect Belleville through a network of trails and natural corridors, promoting environmental education, recreation, and community engagement. The Village is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant to cover 25% of the acquisition costs, approximately \$55,000.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-077](#)

Minutes of the May 14, 2025 Park Commission

Attachments: [2025 MIN-077 Park Commission Minutes 5-14-25](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025
RES-033](#) AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS FOR MORTON FOREST

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ROSE, FRIES, RITT and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-033](#)

[2025 RES-033 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

2. [2025
RES-034](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ADDENDUM FOR 2025 FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-034](#)

[2025 RES-034 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by POSTLER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

3. [2025
RES-036](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE BADGER PRAIRIE PLAYGROUND
IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION AT 4654 MAPLE GROVE DRIVE, VERONA,
WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER and RITT

Attachments: [2025 RES-036](#)

[2025 RES-036 FN](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by POSTLER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

[2025
RPT-109](#) Badger Prairie County Park Improvement Project

Attachments: [Badger Prairie County Park Improvement Project](#)

D. Items Requiring Committee Action

F. Reports to Committee

New Natural Resource Manager Andy Paulios introduced himself and provided an overview of his role.

Commissioner Grace Moran announced that she has an accepted offer on a house in Sauk County and, if the sale is finalized, she will no longer be eligible to serve on the Parks Commission.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Viking County Park
Canoe/Kayak Launch
2525 County Highway B, Stoughton
2. Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Stewart Lake County Park
3106 County Highway JG, Mt. Horeb

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****J. Closed Session**

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

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair BROUWER, MORAN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH and Supervisor POSTLER

Excused: 3 - BOGUE, Supervisor EICHER and Chair THORESEN

The Commission (or Committee) plans to 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).

K. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair BROUWER, MORAN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH and Supervisor POSTLER

Excused: 3 - BOGUE, Supervisor EICHER and Chair THORESEN

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by POSTLER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 4-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM.

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