



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee Park Commission

Wednesday, August 12, 2015

5:30 PM

5201 Fen Oak Room 221
Madison, WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 3 - KYLE RICHMOND, CHRISTINE HAAG and MARY SCHLAEFER

Supervisor Richmond arrived at 5:45 pm

Staff present: Darren Marsh, Sara Kwitek

Others Present: None

Meeting called to order by Chair Lunney at 5:30 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

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MIN-239](#) 2015 MIN-239_PC Minutes_7-22-15

Attachments: [2015 MIN-239_7-22-15 Park Comm Min.pdf](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the Minutes of July 22, 2015 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 3 - Supervisor RICHMOND, HAAG and SCHLAEFER

Present: 5 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 2 - CHRISTINE HAAG and MARY SCHLAEFER

C. Fund Transfers - None**D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None****E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None****F. Presentations - None****G. Reports to Committee**

a. Walking Iron Wildlife Area – Restoration Project

Kwitek gave an overview of a 77-acre wildlife habitat restoration project that will soon be taking place at Walking Iron Wildlife Area. The vision is for a mix of woodland, oak savanna, grasslands, and early successional habitats. Restoration activities will include tree harvest, invasive species control, seeding, and follow up maintenance with mowing, selective herbicide, and prescribed fire. Wildlife intended to benefit from restoration of these habitats include: wild turkey, white tailed deer, Eastern blue birds, red-headed woodpeckers, ruffed grouse, Bobwhite quail, woodcock, and native pollinators.

Neighbors and stakeholders were notified of the project and invited to a site meeting that will be held on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Walking Iron Wildlife Area.

b. Door Creek Watershed and Natural Resources Projects

Marsh summarized the draft Door Creek Watershed Plan that the Office of Lakes and Watersheds has developed. LWRD staff will provide an overview of the plan at the next EANR meeting that will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. Park Commission members are invited to attend the meeting.

c. 2016 Budget

Commission members discussed the Parks budget needs that were identified last year and areas of concern. There was a request for staff to give an overview of the 10 year workplan for parks planning and development projects that was developed by staff for the first time this year.

d. Conservation Fund Grant Program Update

Kwitek indicated that due to her move to the Parks Division and taking on more planning and development project management activities, the Conservation Fund Grant Program will be managed by Jan Zimmermann in the future. The Natural Heritage Land Trust submitted two grant applications that will likely be taken up at the second Park Commission meeting in September.

e. Volunteer Appreciation Picnic August 20th Badger Prairie

Marsh gave an overview of the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic that will be taking place at on August 20, 2015 at Badger Prairie County Park.

f. Events

*Dane County Parks 80th Anniversary Celebration – September 1, 2015 at the Lussier Heritage Center
August 14, 2015 Sugar Maple Festival – Lake Farm County Park
August 15 & 16, 2015 Mad City Open Disc Golf Event – Token Creek
October 20, 2015 Harvest Moon – Lussier Family Heritage Center
August 22, 2015 Silverwood Harvest Festival
Ripp reported on Heritage Fest that was recently held at Schumacher Farm Park noting that the attendance was lower than past years likely due to moving it from September to August.*

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next Meeting Date: Summer Tour – August 26, 2015 at CamRock County Park
Future Meeting Dates: September 9, 2015 4:30 PM at the City-County Building
September 30, 2015 5:30 PM at Fen Oak Rm 221*

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm

Members of the Committee toured the park, no official business was completed nor actions taken.

Kwitek, Recorder.

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