



# Dane County

## Minutes

### Park Commission

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Wednesday, April 22, 2015

5:30 PM

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room 121A

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#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 5 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - CHRISTINE HAAG and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

*Staff present: Sara Kwitek, Darren Marsh, Kevin Connors*

*Others present: Mr. & Mrs. Held*

*The meeting was called to order by Lunney at 5:30pm.*

#### B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

*Wisniewski arrived 5:40pm.*

*Haag arrived 5:45pm.*

**Present:** 7 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) 2015 MIN-034\_PCM 4-08-15

[MIN-034](#)

**Attachments:** [2015 MIN-034\\_PCM 4-8-15.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the Minutes of April 8, 2015 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

#### D. Fund Transfers - None

**E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)**

*None.*

**F. Items Requiring Committee Action**

## a. Election of Officers

**A motion was made by RICHMOND, seconded by HAAG, to approve that nominations close and cast unanimous ballots for Lunney as Chair, Ripp as Vice-Chair and Thoresen as Secretary. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

**G. Presentations**

*None.*

**H. Reports to Committee**

## a. 2015 Trail - Dog Washes

*Marsh indicated that there has been a lot of requests for and interest in having dog washes at Dane County Dog Parks. Dustie Held gave an overview of her proposal for operating a mobile dog wash service on a trial basis at Dane County Dog Parks.*

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by HAAG, that Held's proposed dog wash service be approved as a trial and for Marsh to report back on it at the end of the year. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

## b. Partnerships and Sponsorships

*Marsh provided some background for the discussion and reviewed the Park Commission's authority granted by the County Board to set fees for the use of county lands and facilities. The Park Commission also has the responsibility to set policy for the county parks including vending and advertisement in all its forms as well as other potential revenue sources. Marsh stated that there is a greater awareness that additional revenues will be needed to meet the growing needs of our park system. Lunney added that the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment have also been exploring opportunities that could help build the Endowment. Lunney asked the Commission to provide staff input that can help them explore and develop options for the Commission to consider.*

c. Update on Springfield Hill Natural Resource Area - Ice Age Trail Property

*Kwitek gave an overview of recent and ongoing developments at the Springfield Hill Natural Resource Area – Ice Age Trail Property that include:*

- *Clearing of invasive species and woodland restoration*
- *Development of ~ 1.5 miles of new Ice Age Trail*
- *Development of small parking area and trailhead this spring that will be open by National Trails Day in June.*

d. Upcoming Park Events

*4/24/2015 - Arbor Day Event - Anderson Farm Park Oregon Middle School  
Friends of Anderson Farm*

*4/25/2015 - Youth Service Day-McCarthy - Friends of McCarthy*

*4/25/2015 - Volunteer Open House - Friends of Schumacher Farm*

*4/25/2015 - Permaculture Workshop - Silverwood Friends of Silverwood*

*4/29/2015 - Volunteer Education Training Series - Fundraising/Membership  
Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment*

*5/9/2015 - Donald Dash - 10km Trail Run - Friends of Donald Park*

*5/9/2015 - Prairie Planting - Wisdom Prairie - Friends of Wisdom Prairies  
and DC Parks*

*5/20/2015 - Volunteer Education Training Series - Park Policy & Procedure  
Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment*

e. 2015 State Budget

*Discussion of various impacts and issues associated with the 2015 State Budget such as additional WI DNR SEG position cuts and State Park fee increases.*

f. Summer Meeting Schedule and Locations

- *May 27th Donald Park/Stream Restoration Projects*
- *June 24th Schumacher Farm/ Land Conservation Projects*
- *July 22nd Mendota Park*
- *August 26th CamRock Park*

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

- a. Next meeting date is May 13, 2015.

**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*None.*

**K. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.*