



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, July 24, 2024

5:30 PM

Ice Age Junction Natural Resource Area
Verona Park & Ride Trailhead
2565 Old PB, Verona

A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Chris James, Chad Haanen.

Others Present: Brian Christian, Dave Lonsdorf, Jeff and Kathy Johnson, Pat Bergen, Tom Klingbiel.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DON POSTLER,
GRACE MORAN and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-125](#)

Minutes of the June 26, 2024 Park Commission

Attachments: [2024 MIN-125 PC Minutes 6-26-24](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024](#)
[RES-050](#)

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO SOUTHERN
WISCONSIN BIRD ALLIANCE (GUNNULSON)

Sponsors: MARREN, POSTLER, ENGELBERGER and RITT

Attachments: [2024 RES-050](#)
[2024 RES-050 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-050 AREA MAP](#)
[2024 RES-050 SUBJECT MAP](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

2. [2024 RES-092](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TEMPORARY LIMITED EASEMENT FOR THE GREAT SAUK AND WALKING IRON TRAILS

Sponsors: CHAWLA, POSTLER and ROSE

Attachments: [2024 RES-092](#)
[2024 RES-092 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

D. Presentations

1. Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor

The Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor is a relatively new organization that was founded due to a Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) underground wastewater main expansion throughout the creek corridor. Volunteers are working on several land restoration projects on both Dane County Parkland and City of Verona Parkland. The Friends focus their restoration efforts on the corridor between the Verona Park and Ride and Verona's Fireman's Park. As their capacity grows, they may expand the work area towards Goose Lake. The Friends' second focus is advocacy. They do not support MMSD's decision to discontinue effluent discharge into Badger Mill Creek and are advocating to maintain the discharge to keep Badger Mill Creek's water at it's current level.

[2024 RPT-193](#) Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor Handout

Attachments: [Friends of Badger Mill Creek Environmental Corridor Handout 7-24-2024](#)

2. Proposed 2025 Fee Changes for Dane County Parks & Heritage Center Programs

The proposed fee changes were discussed one by one to solicit initial feedback before posting to the website and sending a press release advertising the public hearing on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. The proposed fee changes received support and majority consensus from Commissioners.

[2024 RPT-182](#) Proposed 2025 Fee Changes

Attachments: [Park Permit Fee History with 2025 Proposed Changes](#)
[Education Program Fees 2025 Proposed](#)

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Election of Officers

Chair Tom Thoresen opened the floor for Park Commission officer nominations.

Stefanie Brouwer nominated Tom Thoresen for Chair. There were no other nominations. There were no objections to close nominations and appoint Tom Thoresen as Chair.

Tom Thoresen nominated Stefanie Brouwer for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. There were no objections to close nominations and appoint Stefanie Brouwer as Vice Chair.

Stefanie Brouwer nominated Kristie GoForth for Second Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. There were no objections to close nominations and appoint Kristie GoForth as Second Vice Chair.

F. Reports to Committee

1. Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 2 and
Fish Camp County Park Accessibility Improvements
Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening
Tuesday, September 24 at 11:30 AM at Fish Camp County Park

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Fish Camp County Park
Net House, 3359 Fish Camp Rd, McFarland
2. Wednesday, September 4, 2024
public hearing for 2025 fees
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

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

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Chair Thoresen volunteered to mentor a Dane County Youth Governance Program (YGP) member the following school year.

J. Closed Session

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

Ayes: 6 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Supervisor POSTLER, MORAN and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GOFORTH

The Commission (or Committee) 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 EICHER, seconded by POSTLER, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Supervisor POSTLER, MORAN and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - GOFORTH

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 PM.

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