



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, February 28, 2024

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Heritage Center
Upper Level, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison; attend
virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

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

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

Youth Governance Member Steve Hoang present.

Others Present: Ben Kollenbroich, Stephanie Judge, Fil Sanna, Amanda DePagter.

Present: 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) Minutes of the January 24, 2024 Park Commission
[MIN-490](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-490 PC Minutes 1-24-24](#)

[Park Commission 1-24-2024 Registration Report & In Person
Registration Forms](#)
[Wiegand Comments 1-24-2024](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the Minutes be approved.
The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2023](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ELEVATED BOARDWALK FOR THE
[RES-318](#) WAUCHEETA TRAIL

Sponsors: RIPP, MILES, ENGELBERGER, RITT and ROSE

Attachments: [2023 RES-318](#)
[2023 RES-318 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-318 CONTRACT #15342](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution be
recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

- 2. [2023 RES-323](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A STATE OF WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES BLACK EARTH CREEK RESTORATION GRANT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER, HUELSEMANN, ROSE, DOOLAN, RITT and MILES

Attachments: [2023 RES-323](#)
[2023 RES-323 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-323 CONTRACT #15334](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

- 3. [2023 RES-324](#) AUTHORIZING PARC & RIDE GRANT AWARD TO CITY OF MIDDLETON

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER, HATCHER and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-324](#)
[2023 RES-324 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 7-0, YGP 1-0.

- 4. [2023 RES-337](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ROBERTSON ROAD BUILDINGS ENVELOPE IMPROVEMENTS AT 4212 & 4318 ROBERTSON ROAD, MADISON, WI

Sponsors: RIPP and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2023 RES-337](#)
[2023 RES-337 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-337 CONTRACT #15343](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by RIPP, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

- 5. [2023 RES-348](#) AUTHORIZING SALE OF LANDS AND EASEMENTS ALONG SYENE ROAD AND MCCOY ROAD TO CITY OF FITCHBURG

Sponsors: RIPP, HUELSEMANN and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2023 RES-348](#)
[2023 RES-348 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-348 AREA MAP](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

D. Presentations

- 1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Town of Dunn for the Lower Mud Lake NRA

[2023](#) Town of Dunn Presentation
[RPT-555](#)

Attachments: [Town of Dunn Powerpoint Presentation.pdf](#)

Ben Kollenbroich, the Planning and Land Conservation Director for the Town of Dunn, gave an overview of the property and the partnership. The Town of Dunn is partnering with Groundswell Conservancy on a conservation easement on a 49.7 acre property along the Yahara River adjacent to Dane County's Lower Mud Lake Natural Resource Area. The Town of Dunn is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant for \$79,971.

- 2. Conservation Fund Grant Application from the Driftless Area Land Conservancy for the Southwest Grasslands

[2023](#) Driftless Area Land Conservancy Presentation
[RPT-554](#)

Attachments: [Driftless Area Land Conservancy Powerpoint Presentation.pdf](#)

Stephanie Judge, the Conservation Director for the Driftless Area Land Conservancy, gave an overview of the Driftless Area Land Conservancy's work and the acquisition. The Driftless Area Land Conservancy is working to acquire a 31.4 acre property in the Town of Primrose. The woodlands on the property are in the early stages of restoration. If acquired, the property will be actively managed for wildlife habitat and public access. The Driftless Area Land Conservancy is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant for \$243,500.

Supervisor Ripp requested to move the Friends of Dane County Parks Capital Grant Awards up on the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members.

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

- 1. Friends of Dane County Parks Capital Grant Awards to Capital Off Road Pathfinders (CORP) and Friends of McCarthy Park

Joleen Stinson provided an overview of the Friends of McCarthy Park and Capital Off Road Pathfinders' capital grant applications. Dane County Parks staff recommended approval of all grant awards as presented. Amanda DePagter, Friends of McCarthy Park Board Member, answered questions about their grant application.

[2023](#) Dane County Parks Friends Grant Program Capital Improvement Grant
[ACT-304](#) Applications

Attachments: [Friends Capital Grant Application Overview 2-23-2024.pdf](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the grants be awarded as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

Presentations (continued)

3. Overview of the Friends of Dane County Parks Grant Programs and the PARC & Ride Grant Program

Joleen Stinson provided an overview of the PARC Grant Program, which morphed into the PARC & Ride Grant Program in 2016, the Friends of Dane County Parks Capital Grant Program and the Foundation for Dane County Parks Collaborative Grant Program. The overview of each grant program included application requirements, history of the grant program and a summary of recent grant awards.

[2023 RPT-556](#) PARC & Ride and Friends Grant Programs Overview and Grant Award History

Attachments: [PARC & Ride and Friends Grant Programs.pdf](#)

E. Reports to Committee

1. Planning update on the future Walking Iron Trail

Dane County and Sauk County are currently working on design and engineering to construct an approximate 500' multi use trail bridge over the Wisconsin River and convert nearly 3 miles of railroad track into a multi use trail from the Wisconsin River to the existing WI DNR parking lot on STH 78. Dane County Parks hosted a public information meeting to solicit ideas and input on January 17, 2024 at the Wisconsin Heights High School. Dane County Parks will be accepting comments through March 15, 2024. After the comment period closes, Chris James will summarize comments and present them to Park Commission. After Park Commission review, the Great Sauk Trail stakeholder planning team will meet to discuss recommendations on trail surface and recreational uses.

[2023 RPT-557](#) Wisconsin River Bridge Crossings and Walking Iron Trail Proposed Rail Trail Conversion Concept Map

Attachments: [Walking Iron Trail Concept Map.pdf](#)

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Wednesday, March 27, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting
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 - None

J. Closed Session

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

Ayes: 7 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Supervisor RIPP, Chair THORESEN, MORAN and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

CLOSED SESSION: The Park 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.

K. Return to Open Session

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

Ayes: 7 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Supervisor RIPP, Chair THORESEN, MORAN and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:51 PM.

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