



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?

Thursday, April 24, 2025

5:30 PM

Attend in person at 5201 Fen Oak Drive,
Madison - Driftless Conference Room;
attend virtually via zoom.

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan present.

Staff Present: Adam Alves, Aaron Collins, Amanda DePagter, Carrie Edgar, Laura Hicklin, Kyle Minks, Steve Ottelien, Amy Piaget, John Reimer, David Rowe, Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson.

Others Present: Supervisor Dan Blazewicz, Ronald Blumer, Supervisor Yogesh Chawla, David Clutter, Supervisor Patrick Downing, Supervisor Michael Engelberger, Supervisor Chuck Erickson, Supervisor Keith Furman, Phil Gaebler, Steve Greb, Dea Larson Converse, Alan Levin, Supervisor Kerry Marren, Supervisor Maureen McCarville, Matt Noone, Supervisor Steven Peters, Supervisor Sarah Smith, Chin Wu.

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE GOFORTH and DON POSTLER

Excused: 2 - STEFANIE BROUWER and ANALIESE EICHER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-017](#)

Minutes of the March 26, 2025 Park Commission

Attachments: [2025 MIN-017 Park Commission Minutes 03-26-2025](#)

[Park Commission Registration Report 03-26-2025](#)

[Park Commission In Person Registration Form 03-26-2025](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by BOGUE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

D. Presentations

1. Transient Non-Community Well Monitoring at Dane County Parks (joint item)

John Reimer presented monitoring guidance for non-community well monitoring at Dane County Parks.

[2025](#)
[PRES-010](#)

Transient Non-Community Well Monitoring at Dane County Parks

Attachments: [Transient Non-Community Well Monitoring at Dane County Parks](#)
[Dane County Parks Monitoring Guidance Manual Draft April 2025](#)

E. Reports to Committee

1. Yahara Lakes Management Report (joint item)

John Reimer reported on water level management of the Yahara Lakes.

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[RPT-027](#)

Yahara Lakes Management Report

Attachments: [Yahara Lakes Management Report](#)

2. Annual Report to EANR on Park Commission Activities (joint item)

Tom Thoresen gave a verbal report on Park Commission activities and distributed a handout.

[2025](#)
[RPT-029](#)

Handout from Park Commission Chair Thoresen

Attachments: [Handout from Park Commission Chair Thoresen](#)

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****H. Items Requiring Committee Action**

1. Conservation Fund Grant Applications from Groundswell Conservancy for two projects:
 - a. Felio Conservation Easement in the Town of Dunkirk - Badfish Creek NRA
 - b. Village Edge Conservation Easement in the Town of Black Earth - Black Earth Creek NRA

Sharene Smith presented an overview of two Dane County Conservation Fund Grant applications received from Groundswell Conservancy to purchase conservation easements.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to direct staff to prepare two resolutions to award Dane County Conservation Fund Grants: The first to Groundswell Conservancy and the Town of Dunkirk for up to 25% of costs (approximately \$125,000) for the Felio easement. The second to Groundswell Conservancy for up to 50% of costs (approximately \$338,000) for the Village Edge easement.

I. Future Meetings and Events

1. Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 1:00 pm
Groundbreaking Press Event
Mendota County Park
5133 County Highway M, Middleton
2. Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 2:00 - 6:00 pm
2025-2030 POSP Open House
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
3. Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm
Wisconsin River Recreational Bridge & Trail Connection Celebration
Great Sauk State Trail Trailhead
12000 Block of Water Street, Sauk City
4. Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Fish Lake County Park
7764 Fish Lake Rd, Sauk City
5. Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 5:30 pm
Badger Prairie County Park
4654 Maple Grove Dr, Verona

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by BOGUE, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:51 PM.

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