



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, August 24, 2022

5:30 PM

Silverwood County Park Stone House
771 Silver Lane, Edgerton, WI 53534

A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Laura Hicklin, Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Sammi Boyd.

Friends of Silverwood Park members present: Katie Vance-Whitten, Rita Fox, Pat Seaverson, Sheri Trick, Linda Lipinski and the Cunningham family.

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, KRISTIE GOFORTH, STEFANIE BROUWER and NANCY BOGUE

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and GRACE MORAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-228](#)

Minutes of the August 10, 2022 Park Commission

Attachments: [2022 MIN-228 PC Minutes 08-10-22](#)
[PC 08-10-2022 Registration Report](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2022
RES-147](#)

DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO TOWN OF ALBION

Sponsors: RIPP, CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER and MCGINNITY

Attachments: [2022 RES-147](#)
[2022 RES-147 Area MAP Town of Albion](#)
[2022 RES-147 MAP Albion Koshkonong](#)
[2022 RES-147 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

[2022 RES-148](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND AT FALK WELLS SUGAR RIVER WILDLIFE AREA (SCHALLER)

Sponsors: RIPP, CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER and JOERS

Attachments: [2022 RES-148](#)
[2022 RES-148 Area MAP Schaller](#)
[2022 RES-148 MAP Schaller](#)
[2022 RES-148 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

[2022 RES-149](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR DOOR CREEK WETLANDS AND LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL

Sponsors: RIPP, CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER and JOERS

Attachments: [2022 RES-149](#)
[2022 RES-149 Area MAP Barber](#)
[2022 RES-149 MAP Barber](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

[2022 RES-151](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM B TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAUK

Sponsors: RIPP, CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2022 RES-151](#)
[2022 RES-151 Fiscal Note](#)
[2022 RES-151 CONTRACT #13704B](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

1. The Friends of Silverwood Park

The Friends of Silverwood Park runs the regenerative agriculture garden program with grower partners. Volunteers are working on the oak woodland restoration and have done the initial invasive brush clearing in nearly all of the 50 acre woodland. The Friends host several educational programs and community events throughout the year, including a summer camp, wreath making, mushroom log inoculation workshops, harvest festival, candlelight hike and Natural Resource Foundation field trips. The harvest festival is coming up on Saturday, September 17 from 11 AM - 4 PM. Summer camp students Ellie and Jane Cunningham spoke about their favorite parts of summer camp and their volunteer work in the park.

2. History of Silverwood County Park

The property was donated to Dane County in 2001 by Irene Silverwood after it had been in the Silverwood family since 1870. Pursuant to the wishes of Mrs. Silverwood, the Park was leased out for agricultural production for the first several years of County ownership and therefore park planning and development did not begin until 2013. The park's master plan was completed in 2016. The Silverwood Stone House, previously the Silverwood family home, was built pre-Civil War of locally quarried limestone. We do not know the exact date the house was constructed but it is thought to have been built in the late 1840's to mid-1850's based on the style of the house and marks left on the wood during construction. The house was renovated by Operation Fresh Start in 2016 for use as a visitor's center. The park has over 5,000 feet of shoreline along Rice and Sweet Lakes, which are popular for paddlers. The park also has hiking and equestrian trails.

3. Groundswell Conservancy, Town of Dunkirk and Dunkirk Dam Lake District, Conservation Fund Grant Application – Yahara River

The Town of Dunkirk, Dunkirk Dam Lake District and Groundswell Conservancy are partnering to purchase a 1.64 acre parcel on the Yahara River off of County Highway N. They have applied for a Conservation Fund Grant for \$19,500. The property will provide public access and increase water recreation opportunities on the river. The Town of Dunkirk will own the property and the Dunkirk Dam Lake District will construct the improvements and manage the property.

[2022 RPT-308](#)

Adler Addition to Dunkirk Dam Lake District and Town of Dunkirk Park Lands

Attachments: [Adler_PC_Summary](#)

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

September 14, with 2023 fee public hearing (note early 4:45 PM start time) - Hybrid by zoom or in person at City County Building Room #351

September 28 - Morton Forest

October 26 - McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park

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

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned 6:38 PM.

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