



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, September 15, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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A. Call to Order

Chair Ripp called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Youth Governance Member Present: Emily Cai.

Staff present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Lars Higdon.

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP and GRACE MORAN

Excused: 2 - TOM THORESEN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

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

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Attachments: [2021_PC_MINUTES_8-25-21](#)

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Timber Harvest at Walking Iron County Park

Lars Higdon, Dane County Parks Botanist/Naturalist, shared details of a 17 acre timber harvest planned for Walking Iron County Park. He described the timber sale process and outlined the history of Walking Iron County Park restoration work.

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Walking Iron County Park Proposed Timber Harvest and Restoration Units

Attachments: [WalkingIron_2021TimberHarvest](#)

2. Discussion on Park Fees for 2022

Joleen Stinson, Interim Parks Director, proposed that most fees in 2022 remain the same. The cooperative partners for the lake access permit are considering adding a commercial level. Dane County Parks will propose adding a \$25 non-refundable application fee for special event applications. Fees will officially be set through a public hearing at an October Park Commission meeting.

H. Announcements

- 1. Sara Rigelman accepted a new job with WDNR Parks as a Recreation Liaison for cooperative trails and projects in the south and west central regions. The Park Commission wished her well in her new role.
- 2. Dane County Parks received a \$10,000 donation from someone who lives near Mazomanie to purchase supplemental seeds for a Walking Iron County Park prairie conversion that will be planted this winter. The Park Commission expressed gratitude for this generous donation.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

September 29, 2021 Badger Prairie County Park
October 13, 2021 Virtual

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

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

L. Closed Session

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

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP and MORAN

Excused: 2 - First Vice Chair THORESEN and 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.

M. Return to Open Session

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

Ayes: 5 - **BOGUE**, **BROUWER**, Supervisor **EICHER**, Chair **RIPP** and **MORAN**

Excused: 2 - First Vice Chair **THORESEN** and **GOFORTH**

K. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned 6:44 PM.

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