



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

5:30 PM

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room 121A
Madison WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG and
TOM THORESEN

Excused: 2 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and MARY SCHLAEFER

*Staff Present: Kevin Connors, Chris James, Sara Kwitek, Darren Marsh, Rhea
Stangel-Maier, Jan Zimmermann*

*Others Present: Karen Bailey, Amanda DePagter, Sup Pat Downing, Janette Gilmore,
Dean Kalmerton*

Meeting called to order by Chair Lunney at 5:40 PM.

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2014](#) Park Commission Minutes of January 14, 2015
[MIN-538](#)

Attachments: [PC Minutes 1-14-15.pdf](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

D. Fund Transfers - None

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2014 RES-518](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE SUGAR RIVER NATURAL RESOURCE AREA - NEPERUD

Sponsors: RIPP and RICHMOND

Attachments: [2014 RES-518.pdf](#)
[2014 RES-518 Fiscal Note.pdf](#)
[SUB 1 2014 RES-518 Purchase of Land-Neperud.pdf](#)

Supervisor Patrick Downing discussed concerns with the Park Commission regarding potential loss of croplands that are included within the proposed acquisition.

A motion was made by RICHMOND, seconded by RIPP, to approve Res-518, Authorizing the Purchase of Land in the Sugar River Natural Resource Area-Neperud, with the following amendment:

Be it Further Resolved; Wisconsin DNR Stewardship funding shall not be applied for until 2016 to provide additional time to work with adjacent landowners on potential acquisitions that will further preserve additional river corridor and croplands.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RICHMOND, Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and THORESEN

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

Election of Officers

Postponed.

G. Presentations - None

H. Reports to Committee

[2014 RPT-591](#) McCarthy Master Plan

James provided an overview of the history and draft recommendations being proposed in the McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park Master Plan. The primary of purpose of the park is to provide youth with a place to learn about nature. The Ho-Chunk Nation and UW Madison are interested in creating a series of educational exhibits in the park to increase public awareness of Wisconsin's Native American culture. Other draft recommendations include further development of trails, a new shelter and playground area and consideration of a regional sports complex facility in the Cottage Grove/Sun Prairie region.

[2014](#)
[RPT-592](#)

Bike Trail Wayfinding Plan

Attachments: [BikeWayFindingOverview.pdf](#)
[BikeRoutes.pdf](#)

Kwitek provided an overview of the proposed Dane County Bicycle Wayfinding Plan project that will be overseen by the Madison Metropolitan Planning Organization. (MPO) The plan will highlight several typical trail and bicycle route segments and recommend a variety of wayfinding signage standards that are envisioned to become standards throughout the county.

Festge Park Timber Frame Shelter Project

James informed the Park Commission that bids have been secured for construction of 2 timber frame shelters at Festge Park, with completion estimated by July 1, 2015.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next meeting date is February 11, 2015

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.