



# Dane County

## Minutes

### Park Commission

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Wednesday, October 22, 2014

5:15 PM 5201 Fen Oak Drive - Conference Room 121A - BUDGET  
MEETING  
Madison, WI 53718

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#### A. Call To Order

*Meeting called to order by Chair Lunney at 5:20pm.*

**Present:** 6 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

**Excused:** 1 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

*Staff present: Jan Zimmermann, Laura Guyer*

*Others present: Gary Werner*

#### B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*Gary Werner, representing himself, spoke in support of the Dane County Park Commission and the Dane County Lakes & Watershed Commission working collaboratively on issues.*

#### C. Consideration of Minutes

**2014** Park Commission Minutes of October 1, 2014  
**MIN-375**

**Attachments:** [10-1-14 2014 MIN-375.pdf](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the Minutes of October 1, 2014 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### D. Fund Transfers - None

#### E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

#### F. Items Requiring Committee Action

**2014** Election of Officers  
**ACT-249**

*Election of Officers postponed until all Commissioners are present.*

**G. Presentations - None**

**H. Reports to Committee**

**2014** CTH M Reconstruction - Ice Age Junction  
**RPT-411**

*Jan Zimmermann gave an updated on the proposed expansion of CTH M and it's impact on County parkland in the Ice Age Junction Natural Resource Area. Zimmermann distributed a draft letter that would be submitted from the Commission to the project managers outlining the mitigation requirements for the parkland impact. The Commission will be asked to take action on the final letter at a future meeting.*

**2014** PARC Program Review  
**RPT-412**

*Guyer distributed a summary of all grants awarded through the PARC program, which began in 2011. The list included pending grant awards for 2014. Guyer noted that, including the 2014 pending projects, there will be 27 open grant projects for staff to administer.*

**2014** 2015 BUDGET  
**RPT-256**

*Gary Werner, on behalf of CRANES, distributed a letter of support for various components of the proposed budget.*

*Guyer distributed a summary of the proposed Land & Water Resources Department budget. The Commission generally discussed the EANR budget amendment to fund \$200,000 for restrooms and related improvements in the barn at Schumacher Farm. The Commission asked staff to place the issue of Friends groups and fundraising process and parameters, particularly as they relate to improvements within Parks, on a future agenda. The Commission also generally discussed the EANR budget amendments that relate to the proposed reorganization of the Land & Water Resources Department and the proposed new position for the Office of Lakes & Watersheds. The Commission did not go into detail on the proposed reorganization due to the position that day to day organizational structure of the Department is not in their purview. In regards to the proposed new position in the Office of Lakes and Watersheds, it was noted that the Marketing and Outreach Coordinator supports the entire Department. The Commission also expressed concern that funding for the proposed position would come at the expense of other Department priorities, including \$8,000 for department marketing and outreach.*

*Supervisor Richmond left at 7:15 pm.*

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

- Agenda Items
- Endowment fundraiser will be Tuesday, November 11, 2014
- Next meeting date is November 12, 2014

*The Commission asked staff to place the issue of Friends groups and fundraising process and parameters, particularly as they relate to improvements within Parks, on a future agenda. The Commission also asked staff to have the proposed 2015 meeting dates available as soon as possible.*

*Endowment fundraiser will be Tuesday, November 11, 2014*

*Next meeting date is November 12, 2013.*

**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**Closed Session**

*The Commission plans to meet in closed session for the purpose of deliberating the purchasing or acquiring of property where open discussion of bargaining positions and strategies would discourage bargaining and harm the public's interest in obtaining properties. The authority for this possible closed session is Wis. State. Section 19.85 (1) (e). The Commission will adjourn upon conclusion of the closed session and not reconvene this meeting in open session.*

*The Commission met in closed session.*

**A motion was made by SCHLAEFER, seconded by THORESEN, to enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - RICHMOND and WISNIEWSKI

*Return to Open Session*

**A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by HAAG, to return to open session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

**Excused:** 2 - RICHMOND and WISNIEWSKI

**K. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.*

**A motion was made by SCHLAEFER, seconded by THORESEN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.**