



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, June 10, 2026

5:30 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the
Heritage Center Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison;
attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Andy Paulios, Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan excused.

Others Present: Paula Brandmeier, Clinton Cople, Chandler Denhart, Anissa Fellenz,
Ivan Floyd, Connie Hagen, Stephanie Judge, Joan Wallace, Amy Warner.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN,
DON POSTLER and JASMINE BANKS

Excused: 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Public Hearing for Dane County Parks Proposed 2027 Fees

Chair Thoresen opened the public hearing on the proposed 2027 Dane County Parks fees. Joleen Stinson, Parks Director, provided an overview of the process to date regarding the proposed fee schedule. Clinton Cople spoke in opposition to the proposed increase in disc golf permit fees. Anissa Fellenz spoke in opposition to the proposed increase in dog permit fees. Chair Thoresen summarized the six written comments received regarding the proposed 2027 fees. There being no further speakers, Chair Thoresen closed the public hearing at 5:51 PM.

[2026
RPT-004](#)

Proposed 2027 Park Fees

Attachments: [Proposed 2027 Park Fees](#)

[2026
RPT-143](#)

Written Comments Received Dane County Parks Proposed 2027 Fees

Attachments: [Written Comments Proposed 2027 Park Fees](#)

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2026
MIN-084](#) Minutes of the May 27, 2026 Park Commission

Attachments: [2026 MIN-084 Park Commission Minutes 5-27-2026](#)
[Park Commission Registration Report & Letter of Support CLA
5-27-2026](#)
[Park Commission In Person Registration Forms 5-27-2026](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER** that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2026
RES-053](#) AUTHORIZING A LAND ACQUISITION FOR BADFISH CREEK NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Sponsors: MARREN, BRANDMEIER and FRIES

Attachments: [2026 RES-053](#)
[2026 RES-053 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2026 RES-053 AREA MAP](#)
[2026 RES-053 SUBJECT MAP](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **BOGUE**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from Groundswell Conservancy for the Pine Quarry parcel in the Black Earth Creek Natural Resource Area
2. Conservation Fund Grant Application from The Prairie Enthusiasts for the Badgerland Foundation parcel in the Handrick Grasslands
3. Conservation Fund Grant Application from Clean Lakes Alliance / Preserve Lot 3 Sunnyside for the Prochnow parcel adjacent to Lake Kegonsa State Park
4. Conservation Fund Grant Applications from the Driftless Area Land Conservancy for:
 - a. Gansner Trust parcel in the Perry Primrose Bird Conservation Area
 - b. Conservation Easement for the D Jelle parcel in the Perry Primrose Bird Conservation Area
 - c. Sarko parcel in the Perry Primrose Bird Conservation Area

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **BOGUE**, to direct staff to prepare grant resolutions for each project and applicant as presented, as the required conditions for each individual grant are satisfied. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

F. Presentations

1. Ethics Training

G. Reports to Committee

Chair Thoresen reported that Nan Bouge's term will end on July 1 and that a new appointment has been made. Nan has provided wonderful service over the past eight years. A small celebration honoring Nan will be held following the next meeting.

Chair Thoresen reported that Dane County Parks will formally receive the donation of a Ho-Chunk dugout canoe crafted by Bill Quackenbush, soon to retire from his role as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The canoe was made from a cottonwood tree removed in McDaniel Park during construction of the Lower Yahara River Trail. The present event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Heritage Center Solar Shelter.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Heritage Center Solar Shelter
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, July 8, 2026
Scheidegger Forest
1828 Range Trl, Verona

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law****K. Adjourn**

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by BROUWER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0,

Meeting adjourned 6:36 PM.

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