



Dane County

Minutes - Final

Park Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

5:30 PM

Indian Lake County Park
8183 State Highway 19
Cross Plains, WI 53528

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, Chris James, Lael Pascual, Lars Higdon, Peter Jopke.

Others Present: Peter Witucki, Friends of Indian Lake Trail Run Coordinator.

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN and GRACE MORAN

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes of the October 13, 2021 Park Commission
[MIN-396](#)

Attachments: [2021 MIN-396 PC MINUTES 10-13-21](#)

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

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2021](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO
[RES-227](#) GROUNDSWELL CONSERVANCY (COOPER)

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2021 RES-227](#)

[2021 RES-227 Area Map](#)

[2021 RES-227 Subject Map](#)

[2021 RES-227 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

[2021
RES-228](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION OF LAND FOR THE JOYCE M. BAER
AND GEORGE J. SOCHA CONSERVANCY

Sponsors: RIPP, RITT and JOERS

Attachments: [2021 RES-228](#)
[2021 RES-228 Subject Map](#)
[2021 RES-228 Area Map](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

1. Friends of Indian Lake (FOIL) Overview & Trail Run 10-2-2021 Recap

Peter Witucki shared a report prepared by FOIL founders, Jeff Durbin and John Strange, about their 2021 highlights, including bat monitoring, pollinator garden, scout restoration workdays, Halfway Prairie wildlife area restoration, seed collection and Get Kids Outside event October 30. This was the 12th year of the run which is the largest fundraiser for the Friends. 2020 was virtual, but 2021 was back in person. There were 275 participants this year and it raised \$4,500 for the Friends.

2. Indian Lake Carp Removal

Peter Jopke, Land and Water Resources Department Water Resources Planner, reported on the history of Indian Lake's carp removal and the efforts to restore this "recreational gem." Carp are removed by baiting with corn and netting in the spring and in the fall. Jopke is pleased with the reduction of invasive carp seen over the last two years. Carp netting, partnered with restocking of game fish, curly leaf pondweed removal and aeration are making this lake 70-acre lake a fishery destination.

3. Fish Lake Structure Demo Progress

Peter Jopke reported that the County's contractor has started demolition of the County owned submerged houses on Fish Lake. The largest house demolition was just completed and the contractor will continue in the coming weeks.

4. Indian Lake Oak Savanna Restoration

Lars Higdon, Dane County Parks Botanist/Naturalist, reported that Dane County Parks staff and volunteers have worked for several years at Indian Lake County Park to restore rare oak savanna habitat that once dominated the area. The county has contracted with a logger to remove black locust trees, and other trees that are not part of the oak savanna ecosystem, from a 17-acre restoration area. The project area also contains pockets of remnant prairie.

5. Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Goats for Invasive Brush Control

Lael Pascual, Lussier Family Heritage Center Manger, lead a trial restoration project at the Matz Farmstead historical ruins of the Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area. Invasive brush was growing in the fenced in area around the stone farmstead remnants, which was challenging for staff to control. Two goats were brought in from a local farmers to eat the invasive species within the fence this summer. FOIL donated the funds for this project, which was very successful and the goats are likely to return next summer.

[2021 RPT-633](#) Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Goats for Invasive Brush Control Summary 2021

Attachments: [Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Goats for Invasive Brush Control Summary 2021](#)

G. Reports to Committee - None

H. Announcements

2022 reservations (camping, shelters) and 2022 permit sales will start November 1st.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

November 10, 2021
November 24, 2021 - only held if pressing business

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

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BOGUE, that the be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0..

*Meeting adjourned 6:40 PM.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.*