



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, January 8, 2025

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: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Alex DeSmidt.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan excused.

Others Present: Rich Henderson.

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

Excused: 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024
MIN-366](#)

Minutes of the December 11, 2024 Park Commission

Attachments: [2024 MIN-366 PC Minutes 12-11-24](#)

[In Person Registration Form PC 12-11-24](#)

[Virtual Registration Report PC 12-11-24](#)

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

Chair Thoresen requested to move the Presentation up on the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members.

D. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from The Prairie Enthusiasts for the Uren Trust parcel in the Town of Blue Mounds - Erbe Grasslands

Rich Henderson, The Prairie Enthusiasts' Empire-Sauk Chapter Board Representative, gave an overview of The Prairie Enthusiasts' property management in the Erbe Road Grasslands area in south western Dane County. The Prairie Enthusiasts are working to acquire an 77 acre property in the Town of Blue Mounds for the project. If acquired, the property will be actively managed for wildlife habitat and public access. The Prairie Enthusiasts is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant for 50% of the acquisition costs, approximately \$395,000.

[2024 RPT-444](#) The Prairie Enthusiasts U'ren Addition Presentation

Attachments: [TPE U'ren Addition Presentation](#)

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024 RES-258](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE MENDOTA COUNTY PARK REDEVELOPMENT- MIDDLETON, WI

Sponsors: ENGELBERGER, FRIES and POSTLER

Attachments: [2024 RES-258](#)
[2024 RES-258 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-258 CONTRACT #15695](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **MORAN**, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

2. [2024 RES-261](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO DRIFTLESS AREA LAND CONSERVANCY - KERNEN PARCEL

Sponsors: DOWNING, FRIES, BLAZEWICZ, ENGELBERGER and POSTLER

Attachments: [2024 RES-261](#)
[2024 RES-261 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-261 AREA MAP](#)
[2024 RES-261 SUBJECT MAP](#)

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

3. [2024 RES-262](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING PILOT PROJECT

Sponsors: CHAWLA, FRIES, ROSE, ENGELBERGER and POSTLER

Attachments: [2024 RES-262](#)
[2024 RES-262 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-262 CONTRACT #15680](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

4. [2024 RES-264](#) APPROVAL OF 2025 CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ROSE

Attachments: [2024 RES-264](#)
[2024 RES-264 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-264 CROP LEASES](#)

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

5. [2024 RES-266](#) AUTHORIZING RECLASSIFICATION OF THE DEPUTY PARKS DIRECTOR TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGER IN THE LAND & WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT - PARKS DIVISION

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ROSE, BLAZEWICZ and POSTLER

Attachments: [2024 RES-266](#)
[2024 RES-266 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote.

6. [2024 RES-267](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM E TO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SAUK

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER and POSTLER

Attachments: [2024 RES-267](#)
[2024 RES-267 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 6-0.

7. [2024 RES-268](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WATERFOWL STAMP GRANT PROGRAM

Sponsors: CHAWLA, BLAZEWICZ, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER and ROSE

Attachments: [2024 RES-268](#)
[2024 RES-268 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2024 RES-268 CONTRACT #15693](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

E. Reports to Committee - None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, January 22, 2025
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, February 12, 2025
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

I. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:24 PM.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.