



# 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?*

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Wednesday, March 12, 2025

5:30 PM

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

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#### 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 present.*

*Others Present: Trudi Marquardt.*

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

**Excused:** 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) Minutes of the February 26, 2025 Park Commission  
[MIN-472](#)

**Attachments:** [2024 MIN-472 Park Commission 02-26-25](#)  
[Registration Report Park Commission 02-26-25](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried  
by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

#### C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR RESTORATION OF BLACK  
[RES-360](#) EARTH CREEK

**Sponsors:** CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER, FRIES, MARREN and ROSE

**Attachments:** [2024 RES-360](#)  
[2024 RES-360 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be  
recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

2. [2024 RES-361](#) SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** CHAWLA, ENGELBERGER, POSTLER, FRIES and ROSE

**Attachments:** [2024 RES-361](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

#### D. Presentations

1. Park and Open Space Plan 2025-2030 Update

*Alex DeSmidt led a 2025-2030 Park and Open Space Plan update outlining the planning process and draft plan recommendations. The remaining schedule includes finalizing the draft POSP report and posting it online by the end of March. An Open House will be held on April 30 to review draft plan report. The adoption resolution will be introduced to the Dane County Board of Supervisors in June.*

[2024 RPT-592](#) 2025-2030 POSP Update Presentation

**Attachments:** [2025-2030 POSP Update Presentation](#)

#### E. Reports to Committee - None

#### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Heritage Center, Upper Level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Thursday, April 24, 2025  
Joint meeting with Environmental, Agriculture &  
Natural Resources Committee  
5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison
3. Wednesday, April 30, 2025  
2025-2030 POSP Open House  
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. Closed Session

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN, MORAN and Supervisor POSTLER

**Excused:** 1 - Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

The Commission (or Committee) met in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating 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.Stat.19.85(1) (e).

### J. Return to Open Session

**A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 6 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN, MORAN and Supervisor POSTLER

**Excused:** 1 - Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

### K. Adjourn

**A motion was made by BOGUE that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM.

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