



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee Park Commission

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

5:30 PM

Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Mendota Room 224
Madison, WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

Excused: 2 - MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

Staff present: Darren Marsh, Laura Hicklin, Chris James

Others present: Denny Marx, Mary Ann Marx, David Marx, John Keefe

Thoresen was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was present as noted below.

Thoresen arrived at 5:35pm.

Meeting called to order by Lunney at 5:30pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2016](#) 2016 MIN-017_4-13-14 PC Minutes

[MIN-017](#)

Attachments: [2016 MIN-017_4-13-14 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the April 13, 2016 Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

Excused: 2 - SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

C. Fund Transfers - None

Thoresen arrived at 5:35pm.

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - MARY SCHLAEFER

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2016 RES-033](#) APPROVE CROP LEASE AT THE SUGAR RIVER WILDLIFE AREA - BASCO UNIT

Sponsors: DOWNING and JONES

Attachments: [2016 RES-033](#)
[2016 RES-033 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by HAAG, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

[2016 RES-034](#) AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN THE TOKEN CREEK NATURAL RESOURCE AREA

Sponsors: SCHAUER, CLAUSIUS, DOWNING, JONES, KOLAR, KRAUSE, LEVIN, MATANO, O'LOUGHLIN, RIPP, RUSK, SALOV, SCHMIDT, WEGLEITNER, YOUNG and ZWEIFEL

Attachments: [2016 RES-034](#)
[2016 RES-034 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by HAAG, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

[2016 RES-035](#) AUTHORIZING A LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE NATURAL HERITAGE LAND TRUST

Sponsors: RIPP, CLAUSIUS and ZWEIFEL

Attachments: [2016 RES-035](#)
[2016 RES-035 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

[2016 RES-036](#) DANE COUNTY CONSERVATION FUND GRANT AWARD TO THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS (WADE)

Sponsors: JONES, CHENOWETH, DOWNING, MILES, RITT and WILLIAMS

Attachments: [2016 RES-036](#)
[2016 RES-036 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - SCHLAEFER

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

Urban Assets - Ho-Chunk Sports Complex

Postponed to a future meeting.

G. Reports to Committee

Wildlife Areas

Marsh provided an overview of public information meetings that were held in May to discuss the potential opening of 3 new wildlife areas. Related to the Mud Lake Wildlife Area, members of the Marx family asked the Park Commission to reconsider the hunting as an allowed use due to proximity of the area to their home site and limited size of the property. John Keefe of the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council asked the Park Commission to further investigate potential negative impacts to nesting, perching and fishing bald eagles that have been frequently observed in the Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake region. The Park Commission asked staff to continue discussions with the Marx family and John Keefe, and to report back at a future meeting.

Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment

Bill Lunney announced the upcoming healthy park tour that will highlight the connection between physical and mental health and parks. Events will be held at CamRock Park Shelter 3 on June 11, Indian Lake on July 23, Donald Park on August 6, Pheasant Branch Conservancy on August 13, and Capital Springs Recreation Area on August 20th. The tour will lead up to the annual fund raising event.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Future summer tour park visit schedule: Morton Forest May 25th, Anderson County Park June 22nd, Lake View Hill County Park July 27th, Prairie Moraine –Sugar River Wildlife Area August 24th, September 28th, TBD.

I. Announcements

None.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

L. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chris James. Minutes subject to committee approval.