



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, March 11, 2020

5:30 PM

Parks Operations Conference Room
4318 Robertson Road
Madison WI 53714

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A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER and DAVE RIPP

Excused: 3 - TOM THORESEN, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and GRACE MORAN

Youth Governance Program member present: Ziggy Bjurlin

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith

Others Present: Jim Welsh - Groundswell, Travis Austin - UW Student

Meeting called to order by Chair RIPP at 5:30 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#)
[MIN-475](#)

PC MINUTES_2-12-20

Attachments: [2019 MIN-475](#)

[2019 MIN-475 Registration Before Co Committee 2-12-20](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the minutes of February 12, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

- 1. [2019 RES-549](#) SALE OF COUNTY LAND FOR STATE HIGHWAY 69 PROJECT

Sponsors: RIPP

Attachments: [2019 RES-549](#)
[2019 RES-549 Fiscal Note](#)
[2019 RES-549 MAP](#)
[2019 RES-549 MAPS](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the resolution requiring 2/3rds vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

- 2. [2019 RES-560](#) AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF 2020 BUDGET FOR PARKS ONLINE RESERVATION AND PERMITTING SYSTEM

Sponsors: RIPP, RATCLIFF and SCHAUER

Attachments: [2019 RES-560](#)
[2019 RES-560 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the resolution requiring 2/3rds vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

- [2019 ACT-384](#) 5145-00-01 - WIS 19 (WIS 78 TO USH 12) - WIS 19 UNDERPASS OPTIONS

Attachments: [2019 ACT-384](#)

The Commission discussed four alternatives provided by WisDOT related to the Ice Age Trail underpass under WIS 19 between Indian Lake County Park and Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area. The Commission decided on Alternative #2 – 96-Inch Metal Culvert with Stamped & Stained Concrete Endwalls. Total approximate cost = \$58,000 for the culvert & \$15,000/endwall = \$88,000.00. Additional cost above standard installation = \$20,000.00 (Dane County Parks Responsibility).

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE to recommend Alternative #2 as the Underpass Option for State Highway 19. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP: 1/0

F. Presentations

Conservation Fund Grant request for the 33 acre Nelson property at Hook Lake/Bad Fish Creek NRA in the Town of Dunn - Jim Welsh

Welsh presented a project overview of the work their organization has been doing to help protect the unique resources around the Hook Lake/Badfish NRA in the Town of Dunn. Groundswell is working with the Town of Dunn to create a Town Park on 33 acres of land that will provide for direct public access to the Eastside of the Hook Lake NRA. Currently access to the public lands is limited to the south and north ends of the property. The property would be jointly managed by the Town of Dunn and Groundswell Conservancy. The property would be open to hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, and cross country skiing.

G. Reports to Committee

Parks/Lakes Operations - Short Overview

Marsh presented the 2020 Organization Chart for the Parks and Lakes Operations. Marsh stated that all fulltime operation staff work out of the Robertson Road Facility. Prior to 2004, before the LWRD was created, the Parks Department and Public Works Lake Management operated out of this facility. Marsh noted that with the growth of department programs with more staff and equipment, we have run out of space at this facility. Marsh stated that he would provide a tour of the facility at the end of the meeting.

H. Announcements

RIPP announced that a new Park Commission member has recently been approved. Grace Moran will hopefully be joining the Commission at the next meeting. RIPP also stated that he would be passing out a summer tour schedule where he'd like additional input on which parks the Commission members would like to visit this summer.

[2019
RPT-647](#)

PARKS ACTIVITY-EVENT SCHEDULE_MARCH 2020

Attachments: [2019 RPT-647](#)

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: March 25, 2020, 5:30 pm, Lyman F Anderson Ag & Conservation

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

RIPP asked if there were any objectives to moving this item up the agenda to allow Travis Austin the opportunity to introduce himself and provide input on the Highway 12 Connector Trail.

Travis Austin stated that he is a UW student taking a UW class that requires attendance at a government board or commission meeting. He also said he would like to inquire on the status of the Highway 12 Connector Trail. He stated that there wasn't much information in past Park Commission minutes.

RIPP stated that the Highway 12 Connector Trail is a state trail located on WisDOT right of way and was installed to provide a bike/walking option. It stops as it gets up close to Springfield Hill and turns into an on-road trail. The bridge across the highway at Springfield Hill was installed by WisDOT with the anticipation that the Ice Age Trail would cross the highway in that location. Unfortunately, the land on both sides of the bridge is privately owned and at this time the owners have not been willing to sell.

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None**L. Closed Session**

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - BOGUE, BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER and Chair RIPP

Excused: 3 - First Vice Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair WISNIEWSKI and MORAN

The Commission entered into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): The Commission may go into closed session for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by EICHER, that the meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - BOGUE, BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER and Chair RIPP

Excused: 3 - First Vice Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair WISNIEWSKI and MORAN

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by EICHER, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 4/0, YGP:1/0

Park Commission members toured the Robertson Road facility. No official business was conducted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darren Marsh. Minutes are subject to committee approval.