



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, January 27, 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:** 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN
- Excused:** 2 - KYLE RICHMOND and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

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

Richmond arrived at 5:40pm.

Staff present: Chris James, Darren Marsh

Others present: None

Meeting called to order by Lunney at 5:35pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) 2015 MIN-568_01-13-16 PARK COMM MINUTES
[MIN-568](#)

Attachments: [2015 MIN-568 01-13-16](#)

A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by RIPP, that the January 13, 2016 Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

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

Excused: 2 - Supervisor RICHMOND and WISNIEWSKI

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2015 RES-437](#) 2015 RES-437 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE WI
[RES-437](#) DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sponsors: RIPP and RICHMOND

Attachments: [2015 RES-437](#)
[2015 RES-437 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by SCHLAEFER, 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, SCHLAEFER and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - Supervisor RICHMOND and WISNIEWSKI

Richmond arrived at 5:40pm.

Present: 6 - KYLE RICHMOND, DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Bike Trail Wayfinding Project

James provided an overview of the project that will provide destination and directional signage to multi use trail users throughout Dane County. A public information meeting to review the draft plan will be held at the Lussier Family Heritage Center on Monday, February 15th, at 7:00pm.

Richmond leaves at 6:00pm and Schlaefer excused from room at 6:00pm to take a phone call.

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 3 - KYLE RICHMOND, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and MARY SCHLAEFER

2. Property Stabilization Projects

Marsh updated the Park Commission on stabilization projects that will be occurring at Silverwood County Park and on newly acquired properties in the Sugar River and Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Areas. The projects will enhance future public access to these lands.

Schlaefer returns at 6:20pm.

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, MARY SCHLAEFER and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 2 - KYLE RICHMOND and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

3. North Yahara River Trail Project

James gave a summary of upcoming trail and parking access projects that are being considered at the Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Area between Yahara Heights County Park and the park maintenance building on River Road. Chair Lunney discussed future possible connections from the Cherokee Marsh Natural Resource Areas to the Westport Drumlin properties that have recently been acquired with assistance from the Natural Heritage Land Trust.

4. Volunteer Program

Marsh provided the Commission with an update on the status of Dane County volunteer program. Preliminary Volunteers Program numbers for 2015 include approximately 4000 volunteers that provided over 59,000 hours of time supporting the county parks.

5. Events

- 1/30 Snow Day – McCarthy County Park- Cancelled due to lack of snow.*
- 1/30 Snowshoe Scurry – Donald County Park*
- 2/7 Broom Ball – Stewart Lake County Park*
- 2/7 Winter Fund Day – Capital Springs Recreation Area*
- 2/12-14 Garden Expo – Parks Booth*
- 2/27 Candlelight Ski – McCarthy County Park*
- 2/26-28 Fishing Expo – Parks Booth*

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

February 24, 2016, 5:30 PM

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

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