



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, August 28, 2019

6:00 PM

Fish Camp County Park
3359 Fish Camp Road
McFarland WI 53558

Fish Camp Park - 3359 Fish Camp Road, McFarland

A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, TOM THORESEN, NANCY BOGUE and ANALIESE EICHER
Excused: 1 - STEFANIE BROUWER

Youth Governance Member Present: Ziggy Bjurlin

Staff Present: Chris James, Darren Marsh

Others Present: Friends of Lake Kegonsa Representatives: Rick Thorstad, Janice Kellogg, Peter Foy, Connie Hagen

Meeting called to order by Chair RIPP at 6 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2019](#) PC MINUTES_8-14-19
[MIN-181](#)

Attachments: [2019 MIN-181_PC Minutes_8-14-19.pdf](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by EICHER, that the minutes of August 14, 2019 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5/0, YGP 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

Senior Landscape Architect Chris James provided an overview of the scope of the planning work that would be awarded to KL Engineering, Inc. for the design of a 40-acre dog park at Anderson Farm County Park. James stated he hoped most of the planning would be completed before late fall so parks operation staff could install crushed stone gravel base for parking and paths prior to winter. The entire off-leash area will be planted to a prairie cover this winter as well. If planning is completed and weather allows, the dog park may be open for use by the Fall 2020.

[2019
RES-166](#)

AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR ANDERSON FARM DOG PARK
FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: RIPP, RATCLIFF and SCHAUER

Attachments: [2019 RES-166](#)
[2019 RES-166 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2019 RES-166 CONTRACT #13776](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/1, YGP 1/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**F. Presentations - None****G. Reports to Committee**

1. Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society

Introductions were made by the Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS) including President Peter Foy, Vice-President Janice Kellogg, Treasurer Rick Thorstad and Connie Hagen. Kellogg provided a report of the work the Friends had completed at the park. They also asked about providing more assistance at LaFollette County Park on the east side of the lake. Some of the highlights of their work included financial assistance for a new accessible pier; providing picnic tables, memorial benches, birdhouses and other equipment as needed; planting and maintaining native flower beds around the entrance sign and the shoreline along the river; mulching and weeding around new trees; and collecting seed for the Plant Dane program. They have also developed and installed interpretive signage for the native plantings along the shoreline. The Friends built a little house for storing and providing educational brochures to the public, registered the park as a monarch way station, and organized a very popular canoe and kayak educational tour of the Yahara River and Door Creek wetlands. Currently they're assisting the county on the restoration of two historic buildings: the Net House and the Corn House. The Friends worked on repairing and replacing existing siding and Dane County is now obtaining quotes for repainting the buildings this fall. Some future projects they would like to work on include installing goose deterrent devices, support of Phase 2 of the Lower Yahara River Trail, installing rain gardens, and expanding plantings to more areas of the park. Other LWRD projects that the Friends are supporting include: sediment removal for the Yahara River, especially the area below the LaFollette Dam; restoration and removal of phosphorus laden sediment in Door Creek; and land acquisition projects along the waterway to decrease runoff into Lake Kegonsa and mitigate flooding.

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RPT-244](#)

FOLKS ACTIVITY REPORT 2019

Attachments: [2019 RPT-244 Folks Report 2019.pdf](#)

2. History of Fish Camp

Marsh added on to the information that the Friends had already shared regarding the history of the Fish Camp Park as a Wisconsin Conservation Department rough fish removal site. The facility was in operation from 1932 until 1969. The property became a park in 1976. Marsh also added that prior to the current facility being established in 1932, the area was well known for its outstanding waterfowl hunting. The north side of Lake Kegonsa and the associated Door Creek wetlands had a number of hunting clubs.

3. Lower Yahara River Trail

James provided an update on planning that has recently begun for Phase 2 of the Lower Yahara River Trail by KL Engineering. Initial inventory work that will be completed this fall includes topographic survey, soil borings, and wetland delineation. The design process will take approximately one year to complete, with construction potentially beginning in 2021 if funding is available.

H. Announcements

Marsh stated he will be posting the proposed park fees to gather public feedback for the Park Commission to evaluate at the September 25th meeting.

THORESEN announced the upcoming Celebration of Bill Lunney: 50 Years of Conservation Leadership, September 18, 2019 at the Lussier Family Heritage Center 5-7:30 pm.

[2019
RPT-223](#)

DANE COUNTY PARKS ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Attachments: [2019 RPT-223_Parks Activity-Event Schedule September.pdf](#)

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

September 25th, 5:30 pm at Fen Oak

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by EICHER, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 5/0, YGP 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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

Park Commission members toured Fish Camp County Park and the surrounding vicinity but there was no official business conducted.