



# 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, November 15, 2023

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Heritage Center  
Lower 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: Laura Hicklin, Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Sharene Smith.*

*Youth Governance Member Steve Hoang present.*

**Present:** 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) Minutes of the October 25, 2023 Park Commission  
[MIN-383](#)

**Attachments:** [2023 MIN-383 PC MINUTES 10-25-23](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by MORAN, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

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

1. [2023](#) APPROVAL OF 2024 CROP LEASES ON COUNTY LAND  
[RES-221](#)

**Sponsors:** CHAWLA and ROSE

**Attachments:** [2023 RES-221](#)  
[2023 RES-221 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2023 RES-221 CONTRACTS](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

#### D. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Foundation for Dane County Parks Collaborative Grant Awards

*Joleen Stinson provided an overview of the collaborative grant program. The Foundation for Dane County Parks Allocations Committee and Dane County Parks staff recommended approval of all grant awards as presented.*

[2023 RPT-384](#) 2023 Fall Collaborative Grant Program Award Recommendations

**Attachments:** [2023 Fall Collaborative Grant Program Award Recommendations](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the grants be awarded as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Presentations - None

F. Reports to Committee

1. Land and Water Resource Department 2024 Budget Summary

*Laura Hicklin gave an overview of the Land & Water Resources Department 2024 operating budget changes and 2024 capital budget.*

[2023 RPT-383](#) Land & Water Resources Department 2024 Budget Summary

**Attachments:** [LWRD Budget Summary 2024](#)

2. Construction Update Lower Yahara River Trail & Fish Camp County Park Accessibility Improvements

*Chris James reviewed the Lower Yahara River Trail phase two overview map and shared photos of construction process for this project and the Fish Camp County Park accessibility improvement project.*

[2023 RPT-388](#) LYRT Phase 2 Overview Map

**Attachments:** [LYRT Phase 2 Overview Map](#)

3. Planning Update Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Master Plan

*Dane County Parks has held six public meetings throughout the Indian Lake County Park and Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area master planning process, including an open house at the park held on Saturday, November 4. The public comment period to provide feedback on the draft plan was extended to December 1.*

[2023](#)  
[RPT-389](#) Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Proposed  
Master Plan Map

**Attachments:** [Indian Lake County Park & Halfway Prairie Wildlife Area Proposed  
Master Plan Map September 2023.pdf](#)

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

1. Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting  
Heritage Center lower level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Draft 2024 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

[2023](#)  
[RPT-390](#) 2024 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** [2024 DRAFT PC Meeting Schedule](#)  
[2024 FINAL PC Meeting Schedule](#)

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None**

**I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None**

**J. Adjourn**

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

*Meeting adjourned 7:01 PM.*

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