



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 23, 2022

5:30 PM

Token Creek County Park - Shelter #5
6200 Williamsburg Way
DeForest, WI 53532

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Youth Governance Member Excused: Emily Cai.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Chris James, Alex DeSmidt.

Others Present: Supervisor Melissa Ratcliff, Darren Marsh, Kevin Theusis.

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#) Minutes of the March 9, 2022 Park Commission
[MIN-705](#)

Attachments: [2021 MIN-705 PC MINUTES 3/9/2022](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BOGUE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2021](#) ACCEPTANCE OF WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
[RES-410](#) GRANT TO REPLACE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BRIDGE

Sponsors: RIPP, JOERS and RITT

Attachments: [2021 RES-410 Snowmobile bridge grant MSD 2 bridge](#)
[2021 RES-410 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

2. [2021 RES-415](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE NORTH MENDOTA TRAIL PAVING AT GOVERNOR NELSON STATE PARK

Sponsors: RATCLIFF and RITT

Attachments: [2021 RES-415](#)
[2021 RES-415 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2021 RES-415 CONTRACT #14688](#)

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

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations

1. Ice Age Trail Alliance, Conservation Fund Grant Application - Lange Parcel, Ice Age National Scenic Trail – Lodi Marsh WA/Marsh View Preserve

Kevin Thusius presented a Conservation Fund Grant project for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail in Lodi Marsh WA/Marsh View Preserve. This is a 40-acre parcel that the Ice Age Trail Alliance purchased and is seeking 50% reimbursement from this grant program and 50% reimbursement from Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund. This property provides a loop trail, dispersed camping and storage for equipment. This item will be brought back for formal consideration at the next meeting.

[2021 RPT-1000](#) Ice Age National Scenic Trail - Lodi Marsh WA/Marsh View Preserve - Lange Parcel Maps

Attachments: [Ice Age National Scenic Trail - Lodi Marsh WA/Marsh View Preserve - Lange Parcel Maps](#)

G. Reports to Committee

1. Indian Lake Park Master Plan Kickoff

Dane County Parks is beginning a master planning process for Indian Lake County Park, which is now the largest recreation park with nearly 800-acres. The process will include evaluating existing conditions of the park and incorporate public, stakeholder and staff recommendations. The planning process will include a series of public information, local unit of government and stakeholder meetings. The first public input meeting will likely be held in May. The goal is to complete the master plan near the end of 2022.

2. Update on Indian Mounds

The Dane County Indian Mound Identification Project was completed 30 years ago this year. Dane County Parks just completed the cataloguing of a mound site at Lower Mud Lake. We now have nine catalogued mounds on parkland, two of which are on the National Register of Historic Places, and 15 not-catalogued mound sites. Both types of mound sites are protected by Wis. Stats 157.70 and 44.47.

[2021
RPT-1020](#)

Dane County Historical/Cultural Sites & Mounds Poster

Attachments: [Dane County Historical/Cultural Sites & Mounds Poster](#)

3. Update on paving bids for Token Creek entrance road

Token Creek road repaving bids came in within budget. The project also includes the addition of an EV charging station at the dog park and electrical updates to park shelters. Paving will likely start in June and be completed by June 20th prior to a national disc golf tournament. We will open the south entrance to the park during paving and direct dog park and disc golf traffic to that entrance.

4. History and plans for Token Creek County Park

The Token Creek County Park and Token Creek Natural Resource Area Master Plan was approved in 2011. Token Creek is the only cold water trout fishery in this region of Dane County. Plan recommendations include expanding camping opportunities, relocating the main entrance to the southern end of the park and parking lot reconfiguration.

5. Summer campground and shelter opening dates and summer “call center” weekend hours

The 2022 Facility Opening and Closing Schedule was handed out. 2022 summer “call center” hours were determined based on call logs from the 2021 season. The call center will be open Memorial Day weekend – Labor Day weekend (excluding holidays) on Friday from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm, Saturday from 11:00 am – 4:30 pm and Sunday: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm.

[2021
RPT-1018](#)

2022 Facility Opening and Closing Schedule

Attachments: [2022 Facility Opening and Closing Schedule](#)

6. Free Fun Weekends (no permit required days)

Dane County Parks will hold no permit required days in line with the DNR’s Free Fun Weekends: June 4-5, 2022 and January 21-22, 2023. In addition to the free fun weekends, we’re offering single, permit free days through the cooperative permit program on the following dates: Saturday, May 28 Disc Golf; Saturday, June 18 Dog; and Saturday, July 2 Lake Access.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

April 13 - virtual

April 27 - Prairie Moraine

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Supervisor Melissa Ratcliff thanked the Park Commission for the PARC & Ride Grants awarded to the Village of Cottage Grove. She also spoke in support of a trail connection from Cottage Grove to McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park and a connection from Glacial Drumlin State Trail to the Capital City Trail.

Darren Marsh said goodbye and shared well wishes with Commissioners. Dawn and Darren are retiring to Door County to remodel the buildings on the family farm.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned 6:34 PM.

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