



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, October 26, 2022

5:30 PM

McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park
4841 Co Hwy TT, Cottage Grove, WI 53527

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

Youth Governance Member present: Emily Cai.

Staff present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Sharene Smith, Sammi Boyd.

Others present: Supervisor Ratcliff. Friends of McCarthy Park members: Karen Bailey, LuAnne Wood, Dean Kalmerton, Paul Roltgen, Matt Darga, Amanda Depagter.

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, KRISTIE GOFORTH, STEFANIE BROUWER and NANCY BOGUE

Excused: 2 - ANALIESE EICHER and GRACE MORAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-334](#) Minutes of the September 28, 2022 Park Commission

Attachments: [2022 MIN-334 PC Minutes 09-28-22](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2022
RES-229](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR DOOR CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

Sponsors: MILES, RIPP, CHAWLA, ROSE and RITT

Attachments: [2022 RES-229](#)
[2022 RES-229 MAP](#)
[2022 RES-229 Area MAP](#)

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

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Friends of McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park

The Friends of McCarthy Park volunteer in a number of different ways in the park. They groom the cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, planted and maintain the pollinator garden, develop the Ho-Chunk interpretive trail, host Ho-Chunk youth educational programs, hold a youth service day annually and assist with land restoration.

2. History and Overview of McCarthy Youth & Conservation County Park

The vision for McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park began in 1974 with a donation of 180 acres of land that was owned by Russell and Ella McCarthy. They retained a life estate and the property started converting to a park in the early 2000's. The McCarthys' goal was for the park to become "a place where kids from the city could learn about nature." The park offers a group camp, hiking, cross-country skiing, equestrian trails and camping, picnic opportunities, and a beautiful prairie/wetland restoration.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- November 9 - Heritage Center Lower Level Hybrid
- November 23 - only held if pressing business
- December 14 - Heritage Center Lower Level Hybrid
- December 28 - only held if pressing business

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Closed Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, GOFORTH, BROUWER and BOGUE

Excused: 2 - Supervisor EICHER and MORAN

CLOSED SESSION: The Park 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.

Supervisor Eicher arrived shortly after the closed session began.

L. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **THORESEN**, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, GOFORTH, BROUWER and BOGUE

Excused: 1 - MORAN

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by **BOGUE**, seconded by **GOFORTH**, that the be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:27 PM.

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