



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, May 10, 2023

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: in person at the Heritage Center Lower Level, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison; virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Lael Pascual.

Youth Governance Member Emily Cai present.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

Excused: 1 - ANALIESE EICHER

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) Minutes of the April 26, 2023 Park Commission
[MIN-073](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-073 PC Minutes 04-26-23](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2023](#) AUTHORIZING PETITION OF AN AT GRADE RAILROAD CROSSING
[RES-050](#) FOR THE LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL AT LAKE KEGONSA STATE PARK

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2023 RES-050](#)
[2023 RES-050 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by RIPP, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

[2023
RES-051](#)AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING ADDENDUM FOR 2023 FROM THE WI
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2023 RES-051](#)
[2023 RES-051 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **MORAN**, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Approve Endowment Distribution Requests from the Madison Community Foundation

Dane County Parks has a few different endowments held with the Madison Community Foundation. The Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment Fund has an identified purpose to enable Dane County Parks Division to support its mission. The portion of the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment Fund distribution that goes to Dane County Parks supports the volunteer program.

[2023
ACT-043](#)

2023 Endowment Distribution Request Memo

Attachments: [2023 Distribution Request Memo to Park Commission](#)

A motion was made by **RIPP**, seconded by **BROUWER**, to authorize the Parks Director to make a grant disbursement request from the Madison Community Foundation as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

2. Friends of Dane County Parks Grant Program Awards

Stinson provided an overview of the Parks Friends Grant Programs. Dane County Parks received nine (9) applications that met the mini grant program guidelines, for a total request of just under \$12,000, which was almost double the amount of funding available. The Foundation for Dane County Parks board of directors recently voted to make up the funding deficit, matching County funding and bringing each grant award amount up to the total amount requested. Dane County Parks received three (3) applications that met the capital improvement grant program guidelines, for a total request of \$27,264. There is still funding available, so capital improvement grants will remain open. Staff recommended approval of all grant awards as presented.

[2023
ACT-044](#)

Dane County Parks Friends Grants Application Overview

Attachments: [DCP Friends Grants application overview](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **MORAN**, that the Friends grants be awarded as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

F. Presentations

1. Earth Week Event Recap

Dane County Parks, the Foundation for Dane County Parks and several Friends groups collaboratively planned and promoted many Earth Week and Arbor Day activities, including both public and nonpublic events. Pascual highlighted the programs and partners for each event.

[2023](#) Earth Week 2023 Overview
[RPT-099](#)

Attachments: [Earth Week 2023 Overview with Photos](#)

G. Reports to Committee

1. 2023 PARC and Ride Grant Program Plan

The PARC & Ride Grant Program provides matching funds to local municipalities and non-profit organizations to develop new regional bicycle playgrounds or regional bicycle/pedestrian trails that are identified in the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan or Bike Dane Initiative. The 2023 Dane County budget includes \$500,000 for eligible projects. The grant application period will be opening soon with a proposed application deadline of June 30, 2023.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, May 24
Jenni and Kyle Preserve
925 Post Rd, Madison, WI 53711
2. Wednesday, June 14 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center lower level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison 53711

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

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Chair Thoresen announced that the McCarthy Youth and Conservation County Park shelter is going up.

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:20 PM.

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