



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

5:30 PM

Lyman Anderson Agriculture Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B
Madison, WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 6 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI,
TOM THORESEN and GEORGE GILLIS
Absent: 1 - MARY SCHLAEFER

*Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Rhea Stangel-Maier, Laura Hicklin, Jan Zimmermann,
Kevin Connors, Amy Callis, John Reimer, Kyle Minks, Susan Sandford, Dave Merritt*

*Others Present: Supervisor Bob Salov, Supervisor Michele Ritt, Supervisor Nikole
Jones, Supervisor Tim Kiefer, County Board Chair Sharon Corrigan, Supervisor Pat
Downing, Supervisor Mary Kolar, Supervisor Carl Chenoweth, Rebecca Power, Lyle
Updike, Bill Warner, Kyle Richmond, Rick Eilertson, Roe Parker, Clare Carlson, Judie
Pfeifer, Emily Jones, Nancy Muphy, Caryl Terrell*

Meeting called to order by Chair Lunney at 5:35 p.m.

*Recognition of former Park Commissioner Kyle Richmond for 14-years County Board;
Chaired the Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Creation of
the Dane County Food Council; Cofounder Friends of Silverwood County Park and
more than 6 years of service on the Park Commission.*

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2016
MIN-287](#) 2016 MIN-287_9-28-16 PC Minutes

Attachments: [2016 MIN-287 9-28-16 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that the minutes of the
September 28, 2016 meeting be approved. The motion carried by the following
vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN and Supervisor GILLIS

Absent: 1 - SCHLAEFER

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

None

F. Presentations

Friends Group Activities: Friends of Anderson Farm County Park & Friends of Capital Springs

Roe Parker, President of the Friends of Anderson County Park, provided a short presentation on the park and the activities of the Friends. He summarized the work, project planning and programing that volunteers were carrying out including engaging the community with events, volunteer work days, education and interpretation. He described several key projects while highlighting the success the Friends are having bringing in outside grant dollars to support the park development.

Rick Eilertson and Clare Carlson presented on Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area. They provided an overview on the 2500-acre recreation area that connects six different municipalities. He noted the Lewis Nine Springs E-way is the environmental corridor that links all the components together. The properties are managed by a partnership between the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Dane County. The Friends have a strong relationship with Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District, Madison Audubon, Aldo Leopold Center and other partners to expand environmental education and restoration activities through the Recreation Area.

2017 County Executive's Budget for the Land & Water Resources Department

Kevin Connors highlighted the proposed 2017 Land and Water Resources Budget.

Legacy Sediment Removal Project

Kyle Minks and John Reimer presented on a new initiative they have been researching to remove phosphorous in the sediment of key tributary's entering the Yahara Chain of Lakes. They termed their plan Legacy Phosphorus Removal due to the age of the deposited sediments. There are about 33 miles of tributaries that have been initially identified containing a high amount of these legacy sediments.

G. Reports to Committee

1) *Lakes and Watershed Commission*

Rebecca Power reported that along with phosphorus reduction, chloride management is a priority for their commission. They are also actively engaging the community related to water issues with an emphasis on connecting with diverse communities.

2) *Land Conservation Committee*

Supervisor Chenoweth stated that vegetative buffers have been an important tool with minimal cost for managing our waterways adjacent to agriculture. The Land Conservation Committee sees this management tool being expanded in 2017.

3) *Dane County Food Council*

Bill Warner stated that the Council continues to explore ways for new farmers to get started in agricultural. Right now there is very little means to enter the field in Dane County. Lands at Silverwood and Anderson Parks could provide opportunities as incubators.

4) *Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee*

Pat Downing stated that the proposed 2017 Land and Water Resource Budget was very impressive.

5) *Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership*

Rick Eilertson stated that they're working on rebranding their outreach and the current logo and website myfairlakes.com. The new information should be coming out to the public in the near future.

H. Announcements

None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: October 26, 2016 at Lyman F. Anderson Agriculture & Conservation Center

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 THORESEN, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0

Ayes: 6 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN and Supervisor GILLIS

Absent: 1 - SCHLAEFER

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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