



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

5:30 PM

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

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A. Call To Order

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and
TOM THORESEN

Absent: 2 - MARY SCHLAEFER and GEORGE GILLIS

*Supervisor GILLIS & Commissioner SCHLAEFER were not present at the beginning of
the meeting but were present as noted below.*

Staff Present: Chris James, Laura Hicklin, Darren Marsh, Jan Zimmermann

Meeting was called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:39 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) _5-10-17_PC MINUTES
[MIN-078](#)

Attachments: [2017 MIN-078 5-10-17 PC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by THORESEN, that the minutes of April
26, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0**

Ayes: 5 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Absent: 2 - SCHLAEFER and Supervisor GILLIS

C. Fund Transfers - None

GILLIS arrived at 5:40 pm

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

Absent: 1 - MARY SCHLAEFER

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017
RES-082](#) AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ICE AGE TRAIL
ALLIANCE

Sponsors: JONES, DOWNING and RIPP

Attachments: [2017 RES-082](#)
[2017 RES-082 Fiscal Note](#)

Hicklin summarized the process undertaken with the Alliance to plan the types of projects to be funded to improve access, signage, trail and habitat improvements on County and other Ice Age Trail partner lands. LUNNEY requested that a report, photos and acknowledgement be produced for each completed project.

A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by RIPP, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0.

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

Absent: 1 - SCHLAEFER

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. Capital City Trail to Glacial Drumlin Connection Project

Parks Planner, Chris James, summarized the upcoming environmental and construction document process to be undertaken by the County's consultant for the four (4)-mile trail segment between I-39/90 east to the Glacial Drumlin trailhead in Cottage Grove. The real estate for this section was secured by the Wisconsin DNR. Trail construction and connection to be completed by July 2021. The City of Madison will complete the linkage from Buckeye Road in east Madison to I-39/90 by the end of 2018.

SCHLAEFER arrived at 5:56 pm

2. Lower Yahara River Trail Project - Progress Report

Chris James updated the Commission on construction progress including photos. The western section of the trail in Lake Farm Park will be paved in July 2017 with the bridge over the Yahara and the boardwalk east of the trestle completed by August 11th. LUNNEY indicated that planning is underway for a VIP event to celebrate trail completion in mid-September 2017 with the grand opening event scheduled for June 2018.

3. Subcommittee for Review of Boards & Commissions - Park Commission Report, Chair Lunney

RIPP described his participation on the 3-person panel that is reviewing all County subcommittees and commissions to eliminate those that are unnecessary. A meeting of this group was convened on May 17, 2017, and Park Commission Chair LUNNEY attended and provided written remarks in support of the Park Commission.

[2017
RPT-128](#)

PARK COMM CHAIR REMARKS_5-17-17

Attachments: [2017 RPT-128 Parks Comm Chair Remarks 5-17-17](#)

H. Announcements

SCHLAEFER announced with sorrow that she will be stepping down as a park commissioner due to changes in her job responsibilities that involve additional travel. The commissioners expressed their deep appreciation for her dedicated and thoughtful service on the Commission and her significant contributions during her tenure.

6/6/17 Volunteer Train-Summer Weed Removal, Anderson Farm - DC Parks/Friends

6/6/17 Volunteer Train-Summer Invasive Weed Control, 9-noon - DC Parks

6/8/17 CLA -TAS Lands End @ Lake Farm, 10 am-3 pm - TAS, CLA, DC Parks

6/8/17 Yoga on the Hill @ Lake View, 6-7 pm - Friends of Lake View Hill

6/10/17 Silverwood Barn Dance, 7-9 pm - Friends of Silverwood

RIPP commented on the Bluegrass Festival held at Schumacher Farm on 5/20/17 and promoted the barn dance at Silverwood County Park on 6/10/17 sponsored by the Friends of Silverwood. LUNNEY indicated that Friends of Capital Springs Recreation Area are celebrating National Trails Day on Saturday, June 3rd 10 AM – 2 PM on the Capital City State Trail. Other community groups are also celebrating National Trails Day with similar events.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: June 14, 2017

Summer Park Tour: June 28, 2017 at Walking Iron Park

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by GILLIS, seconded by RIPP, that this meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER, THORESEN and Supervisor GILLIS

CLOSED SESSION: The 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.

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GILLIS, that this meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER, THORESEN and Supervisor GILLIS

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by GILLIS, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0

Ayes: 7 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG, WISNIEWSKI, SCHLAEFER, THORESEN and Supervisor GILLIS

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jan Zimmermann. Minutes are subject to committee approval.