



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

5:30 PM

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

5201 Fen Oak Drive - Room A/B

A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 1 - CHRISTINE HAAG

Absent: 1 - GEORGE GILLIS

Supervisor GILLIS was not present at the beginning of the meeting but was present as noted below.

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

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:32 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 5-24-17_PC MINUTES
[MIN-098](#)

Attachments: [2017-MIN-098 5-24-17 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, that the minutes of May 24, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - HAAG

Absent: 1 - Supervisor GILLIS

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017
RES-093](#)APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF SERVICES ADDENDUM FOR
OPERATON FRESH START

Sponsors: GILLIS, RIPP, CLAUSIUS, KILMER, LEVIN, MILES, NELSON, O'LOUGHLIN, PERTL,
RITT, SALOV and WILLETT

Attachments: [2017 RES-093_OFS Addendum C](#)
[2017 RES-093 Fiscal Note](#)

Hicklin summarized the extension of this agreement through 12/31/17 whereby youth crews receive skills training while providing valuable park maintenance work on county lands in collaboration with parks staff and friends groups.

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 1 - HAAG

Absent: 1 - Supervisor GILLIS

GILLIS arrived at 5:38 pm

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

Excused: 1 - CHRISTINE HAAG

[2017
RES-087](#)AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DANE COUNTY
FOR FUNDING OF A CITIZEN-BASED INVASIVE PLANT
MONITORING PROGRAM

Sponsors: RIPP, BOLLIG, CLAUSIUS, KILMER, LEVIN, MILES, NELSON, O'LOUGHLIN, PERTL,
RITT, SALOV and WILLETT

Attachments: [2017 RES-087](#)
[2017 RES-087 Fiscal Note](#)

Hicklin summarized this first-time project that provides \$1,800 from WDNR to train volunteers to monitor and submit invasive plant data on Parks Division lands.

A motion was made by GILLIS, seconded by WISNIEWSKI, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

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

Excused: 1 - HAAG

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None**G. Reports to Committee****1. Schumacher Farm Project Bids**

RIPP and Hicklin indicated that bids for Schumacher Farm capital projects had greatly exceeded expectations and budgets. PW&T has requested that bidders provide cost breakouts for project components to assist in analysis. Friends of Schumacher Farm have scheduled a meeting with PW&T staff to determine next steps.

2. Cave of the Mounds - Brigham Trail Easement Donation

Zimmermann explained that this spur trail has already been built by Parks on private lands owned by Ebenezer Brigham, LLC. The trail easement document has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel and will be taken up by the PW&T Committee for approval on 6/20/17.

3. City of Verona - Lincoln Street Channel Rehabilitation Phase II

James summarized this stream channel restoration project being undertaken by the City of Verona that encompasses lands owned by the Parks Division. The stream feeds into Badger Mill Creek. A temporary limited easement to the City has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel and will be taken up by the PW&T Committee for approval on 6/20/17.

4. Quit Claim Deed to Monicken at the Falk Wells Sugar River Wildlife Area

Hicklin explained that residential property owners in Paoli have a long-standing encroachment on park land purchased from the Bruce Company. A resolution will be introduced 6/15/17 to approve a quit claim deed of approximately 1/5 acre to the Monickens for \$6,000 to resolve this title issue.

5. Goodland Park Beach Water Quality Improvement Projects

James explained that this beach improvement project being constructed now at Goodland Park is similar to the effective beach project undertaken last year at Mendota Park.

6. 2018 Budget

Hicklin explained that the 2018 budget process is underway. The Commission discussed potential impacts of County capital projects and staff changes on this process.

H. Announcements

Kevin Connor's Retirement – LUNNEY announced that Kevin Connors formally announced his retirement, his last day being 7/21/17. Hicklin will be named Acting Director of LWRD, and John Reimer, Acting Deputy Director. A party is being planned for Thursday, July 20th at Fen Oak to celebrate Kevin's service and accomplishments.

Joint Meeting of Natural Resource Committees – LUNNEY indicated that Lakes & Watershed Commission had hosted this joint meeting on 6/8/17 and urged Park Commission members to participate in future such joint meetings. LUNNEY recommended that the Park Commission adopt an "Equity and Inclusion Commitment Statement" similar to the one taken up by the Lakes & Watershed Commission.

Marketing Outreach – Hicklin explained that an "Acting Class" status is being implemented for Susan Sanford to assume some of the duties of the Marketing and Outreach Coordinator during the extended absence of Erika Hotchkiss. Susan has already been most helpful in cross posting various volunteer opportunities.

Lower Yahara River Trail – LUNNEY indicated that a LYRT "Preview" and fund-raising event is planned at the Lussier Family Heritage Center on September 20th to include a VIP event, trail tour and staff presentation. The soft opening of the trail is anticipated by September 1st. A larger "Grand Opening" event is planned for June 2018, and event sponsors are being secured.

Stewart Lake Diving Accident – Marsh mentioned the recent incident which resulted in injury to a young man that hit his head while diving from a cliff into Stewart Lake. Few details are available from the Dane County Sheriff.

6/15/17 Citizen Based Monitoring-Clark St Community Schl, 6-7 pm-Friends of Pheasant Branch

6/18/17 Bring Your Pop to Pops Knoll - Friends of Donald

6/18/17 Fathers Day Event, 11am - 2pm - Friends of Schumacher Farm

6/20/17 Dane Co Park&Open Space Listen Session, 7 pm, Cntrl Madison Pblic Library

6/22/17 Dane Co Board Envrnmnt Cmmitt Listen Session-Bicycle Access, 6 pm, Waunakee Village Cntr

6/24/17 Prairie Chase Run, 6-10 am, Pheasant Branch - Friends of Pheasant Branch

6/25/17 Barks of Parks Fundraiser, 12-4 pm, Wisconsin Brewing - Dane County Parks

6/25/17 Blue Bird Walk, Stewart - Friends of Stewart

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Summer Park Tour, June 28, 2017 (6 pm) at Town of Mazomanie
Town Hall & Walking Iron County Park

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 THORESEN, seconded by RIPP, that this be adjourned.
The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0**

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

Excused: 1 - HAAG

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

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