



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG and GEORGE GILLIS

Excused: 2 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

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

Staff Present: Chris James, Darren Marsh, Jan Zimmermann

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:40 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 6-14-17_PC MINUTES
[MIN-139](#)

Attachments: [2017 MIN-139_6-14-17_PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by GILLIS, that the minutes of June 14, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and Supervisor GILLIS

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2017
RES-105](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR LOWER YAHARA RIVER TRAIL
PAVING - CONTRACTOR: PAYNE & DOLAN

Sponsors: NELSON, GILLIS, RIPP, SCHMIDT and WILLIAMS

Attachments: [2017 RES-105](#)
[2017 RES-105 Fiscal Note](#)
[2017 RES-105 CONTRACT #13147](#)

Chris James summarized the scope of the paving contract for the asphalt portion of the Lower Yahara River Trail Phase I west of the Lake Waubesa bridge through Lake Farm Park to the Capital City Trail near the campground. In addition the paving will include the overflow parking lot at the Heritage Center.

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

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, HAAG and Supervisor GILLIS

Excused: 2 - WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

THORESEN arrived at 5:47 pm

Present: 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, CHRISTINE HAAG, TOM THORESEN and GEORGE GILLIS

Excused: 1 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

[2017
RES-109](#) AUTHORIZING A QUIT CLAIM DEED IN THE TOWN OF MONTROSE

Sponsors: DOWNING and RIPP

Attachments: [2017 RES-109](#)
[2017 RES-109 Fiscal Note](#)
[2017 RES-109 Map MonickenFalkWells](#)
[2017 RES-109 Map MonickenPropertyCloseup](#)

Jan Zimmerman summarized this quit claim of .21 acres to an adjacent property owner in Paoli where there is a long-standing encroachment onto lands at Falk Wells Wildlife Area.

A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by THORESEN, that this Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

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

Excused: 1 - WISNIEWSKI

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

Election of Officers

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, to nominate Bill LUNNEY as Commission Chair. Three calls for additional nominations resulted in no additional nominations.

A motion was made by RIPP to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for LUNNEY as Park Commission Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

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

Excused: 1 - WISNIEWSKI

Election of Officers

A motion was made by THORESEN, to nominate Dave RIPP as Commission Vice Chair. Three calls for additional nominations resulted in no additional nominations.

Motion by HAAG to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for RIPP as Park Commission Vice Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

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

Excused: 1 - WISNIEWSKI

Election of Officers

A motion was made by HAAG, seconded by GILLIS, to nominate Tom THORESEN as Commission Secretary. Three calls for additional nominations resulted in no additional nominations.

Motion by RIPP to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for THORESEN as Park Commission Secretary.

The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0

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

Excused: 1 - WISNIEWSKI

Bill Lunney announced to the Commissioners that his term on the Park Commission expires 2019.

F. Presentations- None

G. Reports to Committee- None**H. Announcements****1. Passing of Phil Lewis**

LUNNEY summarized the program and participants at the Phil Lewis memorial service held at the Lussier Family Heritage Center on 7/10/17. The Lewis family requested that memorials be made to the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment.

LUNNEY commented that he would appreciate the staff investigating professional sources that might be able to edit down the Phil Lewis video originally produced by Rick Eilertson (City of Fitchburg Environmental Engineer) as a memorial to Phil's legacy. Chris James agreed to consider possible contractors, and LUNNEY will seek funding options to defray these production costs.

2. Kevin Connor's Retirement

Chris James announced that there will be a celebration at Fen Oak on Thursday, July 20th for Kevin Connors. It will begin with a staff luncheon and there will be reception for associates beginning at 1:30. The Commissioners will receive the reception invite by e-mail.

3. Equity Statement & Plan

LUNNEY indicated that Lakes & Watershed Commission had recently adopted an "Equity and Inclusion Commitment Statement" and directed L & W staff to draft a similar statement for the Park Commission for consideration. This would serve as a policy statement. Commissioners agreed that the final version be included on the County Parks website.

4. Park Commission Position Description

THORESEN suggested that given the current opening on the Park Commission, it would be a good time to develop a commission member job description so that any new commissioners know what's expected in this role. THORESEN agreed to take the lead in working with staff to develop such job description as soon as practicable. It will include commissioner's duties, filing a statement of economic interest, conflict of interest considerations, and others.

5. Dane County Conservation Fund Grant to NHLT

Jan Zimmermann indicated to the Commission that a resolution will be introduced at the 7/13/17 Dane County Board meeting to approve a grant to Natural Heritage Land Trust to assist with the purchase of the Hanley property at Patrick Marsh.

6. Event List

7/10/17 McCarthy Park Nature Walk/Scavenger Hunt, 6:30 pm - Friends of McCarthy
7/11/17 Woodland Plant ID - Volunteer Train, Stewart Park, 9-noon - DC Parks
7/18/17 Weed & Wildflowers- Volunteer Train, Token Creek #2, 9-noon - DC Parks
7/20/17 Restoration Walk/Talk, Homestead Site, 6-7:30 pm-Friends Pheasant Branch
7/25/17 Weed & Wildflowers - Volunteer Train, Lake Farm #2, 9-noon - DC Parks
7/25/17 Edgerton Freshman Summit, Orient/Work, Silverwood - Friends of Silverwood
7/29/17 Sun Observation - Capital Springs Recreation Area, 1-3 - FOCSRA

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

July 26 - Park Commission Summer Park Tour @ Walking Iron County Park - 6 pm
start at Town of Mazomanie Town Hall
August 9 - Park Commission @ Fen Oak

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

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

Excused: 1 - WISNIEWSKI

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm

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