



# 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?*

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Wednesday, July 25, 2018

6:00 PM

Prairie Moraine County Park  
Dog Exercise Area  
6679 Wesner Rd  
Verona WI 53593

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**Prairie Moraine County Park - 6679 Wesner Road, Verona**

#### A. Call To Order

**Present:** 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and NANCY BOGUE

**Excused:** 3 - TOM THORESEN, STEFANIE BROUWER and ANALIESE EICHER

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

*Youth Governance Program Member Present: Sarah Fahlberg*

*Staff Present: Brian Berkan, Chris James, Darren Marsh, Sharene Smith, Rhea Stangel-Maier*

*Others Present: David Lonsdorf (Ice Age Trail Alliance), Tess Mulrooney (Ice Age Trail Alliance),  
Jesse Charles (Verona Historical Society), Supervisor Jason Knoll, Tom Toomey (Friends of Prairie Moraine)*

*Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 6:05 pm*

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)  
[MIN-121](#)

PC MINUTES\_6-27-18

**Attachments:** [2018 MIN-121\\_PC Minutes\\_6-27-18](#)

**A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by BOGUE, that the minutes of June 27, 2018 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0, YGP 1/0**

**Ayes:** 4 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and BOGUE

**Excused:** 3 - THORESEN, BROUWER and EICHER

**C. Fund Transfers - None****D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None****E. Items Requiring Committee Action**

## Proposed Draft Fee Increase for 2019

*Marsh provided an overview of proposed park fees for 2019 that involve some minimal increases. The targeted permit fees include the combined trail pass, electric camping and disc golf. All other permit fees are proposed to remain unchanged in 2019. LUNNEY and Marsh explained to the Commission how revenues collected from park fees help offset operation and maintenance costs.*

*Thoresen arrived at 6:18 pm*

**Present:** 5 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, TOM THORESEN and NANCY BOGUE

**Excused:** 2 - STEFANIE BROUWER and ANALIESE EICHER

[2018  
ACT-129](#)

**2019 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES & HISTORY**

**Attachments:** [2018 ACT-129 2019 Proposed Fee Changes & History](#)

**A motion was made by WISNIEWSKI, seconded by RIPP, to approve staff move forward in obtaining public input on the proposed 2019 park fees as presented. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0, YGP: 1/0**

**Ayes:** 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN and BOGUE

**Excused:** 2 - BROUWER and EICHER

**F. Presentations - None****G. Reports to Committee****1. Brief History of Prairie Moraine County Park - Jesse Charles, Verona Historical Society**

*Charles provided a summary of historic use of Prairie Moraine County Park by the county prior to it being transferred to the Dane County Park Commission in 1993. Charles provided recounts of oral histories, Dane County records, and newspaper articles that indicated two individuals with leprosy were relocated to live in a small cabin somewhere on the park property between 1896 and 1902. Charles believes the original cabin site may have been located through an investigative effort involving the Wisconsin Historical Society, parks staff, and the newly formed friends group.*

## 2. Friends of Prairie Moraine

*Tooney informed the Commission of the status of the Friends of Prairie Moraine which was recently formed in 2017. This group works extensively with the parks naturalist and the Ice Age Trail Alliance, primarily on invasive species removal and restoration of remnant prairie landscapes. LUNNEY recommended Tooney follow-up with Marsh on continuing to explore additional capacity building opportunities that are available to Dane County Parks friends groups.*

## 3. Ice Age National Scenic Trail - Ice Age Trail Alliance

*Lonsdorf provided the Commission with a history of how the Ice Age National Scenic Trail was established at Prairie Moraine County Park. He went on to describe the geologic significance of geologic features found at the park including the terminal moraine and St. Peters sandstone rock outcrops. Lonsdorf also expanded on the large scale prairie restoration efforts that have been made possible through a successful partnership between the Ice Age Trail Alliance, the Friends, and Operation Fresh Start volunteers.*

## 4. Indian & Mud Lake Restorations - Update on DNR & LWRD Proposed Steps

*Marsh provided an update on carp removal efforts that will be undertaken by the Wisconsin DNR on Indian Lake in September. Land and Water Staff will assist with the project. Staff will continue to keep the Commission updated and provide additional public information in August on the status of the lake restoration project. The Wisconsin DNR is also assessing and monitoring the carp removal efforts on Mud Lake in the Town of Roxbury to determine if further restoration work will be required.*

## H. Announcements

7/22/18 Summer Time at the Farm, Schumacher Farm, 1-3 pm - Friends of Schumacher  
7/22/18 Make a Memory Day Camp, 2-5:30 pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch  
7/23/18 Middle School Groups Volunteering at Lake View - Friends of Lake View  
7/24/18 Wander WI, Youth Educational Forestry Program - DC Park Staff  
7/24/18 Vlntr Restoration, Walking Iron, 9-noon - DC Park Staff  
7/25/18 Middle School Groups Volunteering at Lake View - Friends of Lake View  
7/26/18 Indian Lake Info Meeting, Town of Berry Town Hall, 7 pm - DNR & DC LWRD  
7/27/18 Vlntr Restoration, Token Creek, 9-noon - DC Park Staff  
7/29/18 Make a Memory Day Camp, 2-5:30 pm - Friends of Pheasant Branch  
7/29/18 Summer Series Yoga on the Hill, Lake View 9-10 am - Friends of Lake View  
7/31/18 Middle School Groups Volunteering at Lake View - Friends of Lake View  
8/3/18 Vlntr Restoration, Indian Lake, 9-noon - DC Park Staff  
8/3/18 Master Gardeners Prairie Planting at Heritage Ctr prairies - FOCSRA LTE  
8/3/18 Prairie Planting & Maintenance, Capital Springs Rec Area, 9-noon - FOCSRA  
8/4/18 Friends of Lake View Hill Board Meeting, 5 pm - Friends of Lake View  
8/7/18 FOCSRA & MMSD Quarterly Meeting, 12:30 pm  
8/7/18 Summer Series Yoga on the Hill, Lake View, 6-7pm - Friends of Lake View  
8/11/18 Silverwood Farmers' Market, 8 am - Friends of Silverwood  
8/11/18 Stargazing at Donald Park, 7:30-10:30 pm - Friends of Donald Park

#### **I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

August 8th @ Silverwood County Park, 6 pm start

#### **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 be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 5/0, YGP 1/0

**Ayes:** 5 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN and BOGUE

**Excused:** 2 - BROUWER and EICHER

*Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm*

*Respectfully submitted by Chris James. Minutes are subject to committee approval.*

**Park Commission members toured features of Prairie Moraine Park but there was no official business conducted.**