



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?

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Present: 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM
THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

Youth Governance Member Present: Sam Kaufmann

*Staff Present: Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson, Lael Pascual, Sara Rigelman, Darren
Marsh*

Chair RIPP called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) PC MINUTES_1-27-21
[MIN-428](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-428](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Minutes of
January 27, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2020 RES-364](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR LAFOLLETTE COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: RIPP, RATCLIFF, JOERS, HATCHER, RITT and BARE

Attachments: [2020 RES-364](#)
[2020 RES-364 Fiscal Note](#)
[2020 RES-364 MAP Mullen Area](#)
[2020 RES-364 MAP Mullen Subject](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

2. [2020 RES-365](#) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT DONATION FOR YOUTH OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Sponsors: RIPP, DOOLAN, JOERS, HATCHER, SCHWELLENBACH and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-365](#)
[2020 RES-365 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

3. [2020 RES-366](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF 2021 DONATED FUNDS FROM THE FRIENDS OF CAPITAL SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-366](#)
[2020 RES-366 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

4. [2020
RES-367](#) ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY
RESTORATION

Sponsors: RIPP, DOOLAN, JOERS, HATCHER and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-367](#)
[2020 RES-367 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

5. [2020
RES-368](#) AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT GRANT PAYMENT FROM COST SHARE
PROGRAM

Sponsors: RIPP

Attachments: [2020 RES-368](#)
[2020 RES-368 Fiscal Note](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by THORESEN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. PARC & Ride Grant Program Guidelines and Application Process

Rigelman presented information on the 2021 PARC and Ride Program that includes \$500,000 for up to 50% in matching grants to local municipalities and partner groups that are creating regional bike trail infrastructure including what are known as bike parks. The grant application deadline is June 1, 2021.

[2020
RPT-751](#) 2021_PARCRIDE_GRANTGUIDELINES

Attachments: [2020 RPT-751](#)

2. New Property Updates (Baer Socha Conservancy, Vienna WA, Black Earth Creek Headwaters, Cherokee Marsh WA)

Rigelman reviewed recent work to open properties for public access that includes property use signage, parking, and boundary maps for each property. Rigelman went through:

- 140 Acre Joyce Baer & George Socha Conservancy donated and transferred to County ownership in 2019. A parking lot and hiking trail has been established. The plan is to have a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening in 2021.
- 81 Acre Vienna Pothole Wildlife Area that includes ~40 acre Fish and Wildlife Service Waterfowl Production Area, installed parking lot, signage, including a map and hunting rules to be installed this spring. Property will have similar uses and rules as the US Fish and Wildlife Service Lands. The property provides for flood water storage and wildlife habitat.
- 179 Acre Black Earth Creek Headwaters Natural Resource Area is open for use with limited access. The property was surveyed and boundary signed in 2019 and included in the limited access archery hunting program. Off road parking will be constructed as soon as the former owner exits the property. As part of the purchase agreement they were given until March 2022. Current work includes restoration planning, and removal of the old water pumping system.
- 160 Acre Future Sugar River Wildlife Area – Riverside Rd. Unit – Former Rhiner Property. As part of the purchase agreement the landowner had two additional years to live at the house and farm the lands in return for providing limited public access and carrying out specific property stabilization tasks including removal of fences, mowing and invasive species removal. In 2021, the public will be able to access the waterways for fishing and paddling.
- 160 Acre Addition to Pheasant Branch Conservancy. Goals for this coming year are to open the parking lot off of Pheasant Branch Road that was developed by utilizing the recycled concrete from the farm demolition. Perimeter trails and access roads around the site will be used for both public access and for maintenance.

[2020](#)
[RPT-756](#)

SOCHA WEB MAP

Attachments: [2020 RPT-756](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-757](#)

VIENNA POTHOLE WEB MAP

Attachments: [2020 RPT-757](#)

[2020](#)
[RPT-754](#)

BLACK EARTH CREEK MAP

Attachments: [2020 RPT-754](#)

[2020
RPT-755](#) RHINER_PROPERTY PLAN

Attachments: [2020 RPT-755](#)

[2020
RPT-753](#) 2020_UPDATE_CHEROKEE MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

Attachments: [2020 RPT-753](#)

3. Heritage Center Events 2021

Pascual discussed that due to the pandemic, rentals at the Heritage Center have been limited and that there are 15 scheduled weddings planned for 2021. This is about a third of the planned weekend events that are generally scheduled through the year. New programs to offer flexibility for smaller wedding events have been created. The use promotes options for outdoor weddings and micro events that provide great low cost options. The Pandemic has also allowed Parks to evaluate priorities for the Lussier Family Heritage Center. Staff are now working to make the Center a focal point and resource center for Dane County environmental learning. The Center can play a vital role in community engagement, natural resource education, and training. We see the Center being hub for training our corps of volunteer and partner organizations.

4. Healthy Parks, Healthy You Partnership Project - Foundation for Dane County Parks, SSM Health/Dean Health Plan and Parks

THORESEN and Pascual discussed the growing partnership with the Foundation, SSM Health and Dean Health Plan in the promotion of the county parks system. It's a partnership that will promote the health benefits of our parks, trails, and natural resource areas. The promotion will emphasize outdoor spaces during the pandemic and how individuals and their core group can enjoy the parks. Four parks/trails/natural resource areas will be highlighted each month to allow the community to learn about these special sites. There will be small pop-up events to promote a healthy lifestyle with proper diet, exercise, and outdoor environments. There will also be Story Book Trails, "Walk with a Doc", Find "Ginny" in a park to win prizes, nature hikes, and many other activities through this new partnership.

H. Announcements

GOFORTH said that she recently taped a show for WORT – Access Hour Radio discussing biking including the regional bike trails and other opportunities around the community.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Next Meeting: February 24th Virtual Meeting at 5:30 pm.

Commission plans to hold a Public Hearing on proposed fee updates for 2021 Lussier Family Heritage Center events.

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 MORAN, seconded by THORESEN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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

[2020](#)
[RPT-750](#)

MEETING REGISTRATION FOR PARK COMMISSION_2-10-21

Attachments: [2020 RPT-750](#)