



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, January 11, 2023

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Heritage Center,
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison; attend virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Ripp called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith. Chris James attended virtually.

Others Present: Brian Arndt, Development Director Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens (MAFPG) Board, Matt Lechmaier MAFPG Farm Manager.

Youth Governance Member Emily Cai attended virtually.

Analiese Eicher, Grace Moran, Nancy Bogue, Stefanie Brouwer, Tom Thoresen attended virtually.

Present: 6 - ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN, NANCY BOGUE and STEFANIE BROUWER

Excused: 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022
MIN-480](#)

Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Park Commission

Attachments: [2022 MIN-480 PC Minutes 12-14-22](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

Chair Ripp requested to move the Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens Conservation Fund Grant Application presentation to the top of the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members.

F. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens: the Pope Farm Homestead

Brian Arndt, Development Director Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens (MAFPG) Board of Directors gave a overview of the MAFPG and their desire to purchase the Pope Farm Homestead for a permanent farm center. Their request from the Dane County Conservation Fund Grant Program is to purchase the 15-acre Pope Farm Homestead where they have operated on a lease-to-prove model for the past two growing seasons. This expanded footprint has allowed their organization to build capacity and make an even greater impact on the health and well-being of the community by helping to create more community-level nutrition security by increasing supply of first choice, fresh, culturally relevant produce.

[2022 RPT-642](#) Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens Conservation Fund Grant Application Presentation

Attachments: [Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens Conservation Fund Grant Application Presentation](#)

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2022 RES-285](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A 2023 URBAN FORESTRY GRANT FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, JOERS, VELDRAN, HATCHER, RITT and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2022 RES-285](#)
[2022RES-285 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

[2022 RES-286](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND DANE COUNTY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP, JOERS, VELDRAN, WRIGHT, HATCHER, RITT, ENGELBERGER, HUELSEMANN and COLLINS

Attachments: [2022 RES-286](#)
[2022 RES-286 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2022 RES-286 CONTRACT #14946](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

E. Items Requiring Committee Action

- 1. Conservation Fund Grant Application from Town of Westport and Groundswell Conservancy: LENA LLC parcel, North Mendota NRA

There was unanimous consensus to direct staff to prepare the resolution to approve grant money for this Conservation Fund grant request.

F. Presentations

- 2. Legislative Process Overview

Chair Ripp lead a brief discussion on how Park Commission fits in within the County's committee structure. The Environment, Agriculture and Natural Resources (EANR) is the standing committee for the Land and Water Resources Department. Chair Ripp also described what each agenda header means, and covered basic Roberts Rules of Order.

G. Reports to Committee

- 1. Urban Forestry Update

This report was postponed until the Park Commission meeting on January 25, 2023.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- January 25, 2023
- February 8, 2023

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

K. Closed Session

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:
YGP Cai - Aye.

Ayes: 6 - Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN, BOGUE and BROUWER

Excused: 1 - GOFORTH

CLOSED SESSION: The Park 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.

L. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:
YGP Cai - Aye.

Ayes: 6 - Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, First Vice Chair THORESEN, MORAN, BOGUE
and BROUWER

Excused: 1 - GOFORTH

M. Adjourn

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the be adjourned.
The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.