



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

5:15 PM

Alliant Energy/Public Works Building
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way - AEC Conference Rm
Madison WI 53713

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A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, TOM THORESEN and GEORGE GILLIS

Excused: 2 - CHRISTINE HAAG and DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

Staff Present: Chris James, Darren Marsh, Jan Zimmermann

Others Present: Supervisor Patrick Miles, Judie Pfeifer

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 5:35 pm

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 8-23-17_PC MINUTES
[MIN-257](#)

Attachments: [2017 MIN-257_8-23-17 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by GILLIS, that the minutes of August 23, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

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

Excused: 2 - HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee**1. 2018-2022 Park & Open Space Planning**

Chris James provided a 2018-22 POSP status report and estimated completion of the plan update by January or February 2018. The survey outreach resulted in 1,000 responses that will be summarized and brought back to the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee at an upcoming meeting. September 27th was suggested for the next POSP Advisory Committee meeting, the same night as Park Commission and would be confirmed with the other Advisory Committee members. Review of the public input, survey results, and a POSP timeline update will be provided at that meeting.

2. Equity Policy Statement

Darren Marsh will work with Susan Sanford to develop a draft Equity Policy Statement for consideration and feedback at an October 2018 Park Commission meeting with plans to present it for public information at a November Commission meeting.

3. 2018 Proposed Park Fee Increases

Darren Marsh distributed a proposed Parks fee schedule for 2018. The fees that are proposed for increase in 2018 are cooperative program fees, specifically the Dog Park and Lake Access Fees. The Cooperative Program recommended splitting a \$5 increase over a two-year period (2017 and 2018.) Some of these fees are tied to other local agencies. Some corrections were suggested. The Park Commission will hold a public hearing on the fees at the September 27th meeting. THORESEN recommended that the Commission receive a summary of the revenues that correspond to each of the fees and how these fees offset program expenses.

[2017
RPT-326](#)

2018 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES & HISTORY

Attachments: [2017 RPT-326 2018 Proposed Fee Changes & History](#)

4. Fish Lake Utility Easement - Gaukel

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

5. 2018 Budget

Discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

6. Friends of Dane County Park

See discussion under H (1) below.

H. Announcements

1. September 20th Preview Event at Lussier Family Heritage Center

LUNNEY summarized the purpose of the event to solicit sponsors for next year's Lower Yahara River Trail Festival event. The Preview Event will begin at 3:30 pm with appetizers and mingling. The program will begin at 4 pm with speakers including the County Executive, Chris James and others. LUNNEY will serve as MC.

2. Lower Yahara River Trail

Staff, Commission members and County Supervisor Patrick Miles shared comments about the heavy traffic experienced on the Lower Yahara River Trail and boardwalk/bridge since its formal opening on August 27th. This has resulted in parking issues at both McDaniel Park and Lake Farm Park. Marsh indicated that there is a plan to manage this, but this will need to be addressed so that trail user parking does not conflict with events in the parks or the Heritage Center. Patrick Miles shared some uses being considered at McDaniels Park by Village of McFarland officials. The staff and Commission also discussed commuter use of the bridge and potential damage to wood planks that could result from studded tires. This should be addressed before the winter months. Commuter use also brings up the issue of winter maintenance/snow removal and costs. James indicated that counters should be in place very soon to monitor trail use numbers.

3. Park Commission Makeup

LUNNEY announced that Christine Haag had submitted her formal resignation from the Commission to the County Executive, indicating that her service was no longer manageable with her other duties.

Youth Members – RIPP indicated that youth members have been appointed in the past to Dane County standing committees. The County is considering opening these youth opportunities to commissions. These students are nominated by high school teachers. Dane County UW-Extension evaluates the nominees, interviews the applicants, and selects about a dozen to serve. The selected youth can request appointment on specific committees. The program starts in June for a one-year appointment made by the County Board Chair. The Park Commission will discuss the possible youth Park Commission member position at a future meeting.

4. Upcoming Events

9/14/17 Seed Collection, Badger Prairie Shelter, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
9/14/17 Univ of Chicago Lab Schl Volunteers, Festge, 10:30-2:30 - Friends of Festge
9/16/17 Dragonflies, Ecology & Stewardship - Stewart -10-noon - Friends of Stewart
9/16/17 Door Creek/Yahara River Aquatic Tour, FOLKS/Parks/OLW - FOLKS
9/17/17 Ice Age Clearing, Prairie Moraine, 9 am - Gary Werner - Ice Age Alliance
9/20/17 Anderson Friends Annual Board Meeting - Friends of Anderson
9/20/17 Edgewood in the Community, Festge - Friends of Festge
9/20/17 Seed Collection, Yahara Heights - DC Parks Staff
9/20/17 Preview Event, Heritage Center @ Lake Farm - Friends of DC Parks
9/21/17 CLA - TAS Prairie Seed Collection, 1-3 pm - TAS CLA
9/22/17 Fall Equinox, Drum Dance Circle Grp, Lake View, 7-9 pm - Friends of Lake View
9/24/17 Ice Age Trail Building, 9 am - IATA
9/28/17 Seed Collection, CamRock, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
10/4/17 Seed Collection, Ice Age Hwy M, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

September 27 at Lyman Anderson Conservation Center

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

L. Closed Session

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by GILLIS, that this meeting be enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

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

Excused: 2 - HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

CLOSED SESSION: The 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.

M. Return to Open Session

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

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

Excused: 2 - HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

N. Adjourn

A motion was made by GILLIS, seconded by RIPP, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

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

Excused: 2 - HAAG and WISNIEWSKI

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

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