



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Park Commission

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

5:30 PM

Lyman Anderson Ag & Conservation Center
5201 Fen Oak Drive - Rm A/B
Madison WI 53718

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A. Call To Order

Present: 4 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI and TOM THORESEN

Excused: 2 - GEORGE GILLIS and DAN BROWN

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Sara Rigelman

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 9-13-17_PC MINUTES
[MIN-289](#)

Attachments: [2017 MIN-289 9-13-17 PC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the minutes of September 13, 2017 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 4/0

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - Supervisor GILLIS and Supervisor BROWN

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Public Hearing

Proposed 2018 Park Fees - 6 pm

LUNNEY opened the Hearing at 6:05 pm and noted that there was no public present. LUNNEY requested Marsh to provide a summary of the proposed fees. Marsh provided a brief background on the proposed 2018 Fee recommendations that included fee increases for the dog and lake access. Marsh stated that in 2017 a \$5.00 increase was proposed for the annual permits for both of these programs. It was recommended that the fees split the increase and implement them over a two-year period (public notice is attached). Marsh then explained the public notice process and the feedback that he has received to date. Marsh then noted a few of the comments. The Commission asked Marsh questions related to revenue trends, enforcement of park fees and how violation notices were managed.

LUNNEY closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 pm and requested Marsh to place the Proposed Fees as an action items on the agenda for the October 11, 2017 meeting. LUNNEY also asked that we continue to take input on the proposed fees and to provide additional feedback at the next meeting.

[2017 RPT-326](#) 2018 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES & HISTORY

Attachments: [2017 RPT-326_2018 Proposed Fee Changes & History](#)

[2017 COM-014](#) PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2018 PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

Attachments: [2017 COM-014_Public Notice of 2018 Proposed Fee Changes](#)

G. Presentations - None

H. Reports to Committee

1. Preview Event and Parks & Trails Unite Festival 2018

LUNNEY stated that event appears to be a success. He has received very positive feedback. The event supports the Friends of Dane County Parks Endowment and the Parks Volunteer Program.

2. Property Stabilization Projects

Rigelman provided an overview of upcoming property stabilization projects.

- *Building deconstruction projects planned for this winter include the former Rattman and Scott properties near Cambridge. We'll work to recycle items first, provide a training opportunity to the local fire Department and then complete debris removal and landscaping moving into the Spring of 2018.*

- *Boundary sign new properties*

- *Large grass land restoration projects include:*

 - Cherokee Marsh Wildlife Area*

 - Falk Wells Wildlife Area*

 - Silverwood Park*

 - McCarthy*

 - Old Lake Middleton*

- *Stream Restoration – Sugar River Wildlife Area – Basco Unit completed in Aug. 2017*

3. 2018 Budget

The County Executive should release the proposed 2018 budget on Friday the 29th or Monday, October 2nd.

4. Friends of Dane County Park

The Friends of Dane County Parks is submitting paperwork for tax exempt status as an incorporated non-profit organization. The process should be completed in the next couple of months. The Friends are also working with County staff on an agreement that covers our working relationship.

5. Fish Lake Utility Easement - Gaukel

Marsh provide a brief description of a project to secure a utility easement to support a winter aeration system for Mud Lake in the Town of Roxbury. The aeration system will support a new fishery that will be established once the rough fish removal process has been completed. The easement has already been approved by the Public Works Committee.

I. Announcements

RIPP added an event that was missed on the spreadsheet; the Indian Lake Run that will be held on October 7th at Indian Lake.

RIPP also added that there is a public Informational meeting planned for a date on/or close to October 18th related to the Mud Lake Restoration Project in the Town of Roxbury.

WISNIEWSKI informed everyone that there will be a benefit for the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy at the Prairie Café in Middleton on October 6th from 6-8 pm.

- 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
- 10/5/17 Volunteer Education-Tree ID Walk - DC Park Staff
- 10/5/17 Seed Collection, Indian Lake, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
- 10/5/17 Seed Collection, Shabazz Prairie Walk - DC Park Staff
- 10/7/17 Beyond Backyard Birding, Pheasant Branch, 8-30-11 am - Madison Audubon
- 10/9/17 Ice Age Indian Lake Hike, 1 pm - Ice Age Trail Alliance
- 10/12/17 Ice Age Almost Full Moon Hike, Verona Park/Ride, 6 pm - Ice Age Trail Alliance
- 10/12/17 Seed Collection, Pheasant Branch Conservancy, 9-noon - DC Parks Staff
- 10/13/17 Harvest Moon Festival, Capital Springs Recreation Area - FOCSRA
- 10/14/17 Harvest Festival - Poker Run - Horse, Silverwood - Friends of Silverwood
- 10/18/17 Seed Collection, Holy Wisdom, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
- 10/26/17 Seed Collection, Ice Age Junction, Cross Country Rd, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
- 10/28/17 Halloween Family Night, Schumacher Farm, 4-9 pm - Friends of Schumacher

J. Future Meeting Items and Dates

October 11, 2017, 5:30 pm @ Lyman Anderson Agriculture & Conservation Center

K. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

L. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

M. Adjourn

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

Ayes: 4 - Vice Chair RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI and THORESEN

Excused: 2 - Supervisor GILLIS and Supervisor BROWN

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Darren Marsh. Minutes subject to committee approval.