



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, August 8, 2018

6:00 PM

Silverwood County Park
771 Silver Lane
Edgerton WI 53534

Silverwood County Park - 771 Silver Ln, Edgerton

A. Call To Order

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

Absent: 1 - DANIEL WISNIEWSKI

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

Youth Governance Program Member Present: Sarah Fahlberg

Staff Present: Darren Marsh, Ryan Shore, Sharene Smith, Rhea Stangel-Maier

Others: Rita Fox, Brian McMahon (OFS), Gloria Salov, Supervisor Bob Salov, Judie Pfeifer, Grace Osborne, Jessica Osborne, David Martinez (Dimension IV), Emily Halapatz, Caryl Terrell, John Steines, Kyle Richmond, Katie Whitten, Sharon Manson, Danielle Bely, Owen Bely, Cheri Luck

Meeting called to order by Chair LUNNEY at 6 pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#)
[MIN-166](#)

PARK COMMISSION MINUTES_7-25-18

Attachments: [2018 MIN-166_PC Minutes_7-25-18](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that the July 25, 2018 minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0, YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 6 - RIPP, LUNNEY, THORESEN, BOGUE, BROUWER and EICHER

Absent: 1 - WISNIEWSKI

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

WISNIEWSKI arrived at 6:10 pm

Present: 7 - DAVE RIPP, WILLIAM LUNNEY, DANIEL WISNIEWSKI, TOM THORESEN,
NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER and ANALIESE EICHER

*LUNNEY requested a change of agenda order to move item "I" to be considered next.
The commission agreed.*

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Marsh stated that he needs to have a meeting between tonight's meeting and the September 26th meeting that is scheduled to be held at Schumacher Farm. There is a large gap in the schedule due to a officially recognized holiday in August and then the County Board budget hearings scheduled for mid-September. Marsh stated that he needs the Commission to hold a public hearing on the proposed 2019 fees. He stated that he needs at least two meetings to move the fee proposal through the Commission's approval process. Fees need to be approved by mid-October to allow time for them to be updated and posted by November 1, 2018. The Commission agreed to meet on August 29th at 6 pm with a public hearing to be held at 6:30 pm.

G. Reports to Committee

1. Friends of Silverwood County Park

Kyle Richmond, Friends of Silverwood President, introduced several students that are currently participating in a Silverwood Summer School Program sponsored by the Edgerton School District and the Friends of Silverwood Park. The students expressed their enjoyment of the program and the opportunities that it provides them. They discussed the activities such as gardening, silent hikes through the woods, working in the orchard and learning to enjoy the outdoors. They stated that they were repeat students in the program returning for the second or third year. Friends Vice-President, Katie Whitten, mentioned that the biggest issue for these school district activities is bussing the students. The Friends received a large donation to cover bussing that is approximately \$1400 each year.

Rita Fox gave a presentation on the restoration work that is being carried out at the park. Sites currently include a five-acre invasive removal to clear around large oaks on the south end of the woodlot. Working with Parks staff and other volunteers, the goal is to expand the site to 25 acres and potentially burn the site this fall or early next spring.

Emily Halapatz discussed the official park events including a barn dance that has been well attended. She also discussed a grant the Friends received from the Madison Community Foundation to host three pollinator workshops.

Caryl Terrell discussed possible experiments and long-term projects related to dealing with climate change. She stated that there is a need to have long term projects on public lands to provide education and outreach as an integral portion of the research program.

John Steines stated that he was working on a larger permaculture system that supports the land and the entire landscape. The goal is to create a system that is self-sustaining. The first project that would be looked at is a watershed that is over 50 acres in size and would incorporate multi-crops including trees as well as strips of flowers to support pollinators. The strips would also act as a defense or control against harmful insects that could destroy the crops.

Katie Whitten stated that Silverwood currently had seven garden partners. The friends group provides storage, water, coolbot (walk-in cooler), cleaning area and expert assistance. They are moving towards adding another hoop garden area. There is a farm market once a month throughout the growing season. Education is a key element for all partners. Bats numbers have dropped to nearly zero for the little brown bats.

2. Preview Tour - Stone House Project

Marsh provided a short history on the farm donation and the 1850's Stone House. Architect David Martinez with the Dimension IV has been the lead on the design and development of Stone House, creating a public use building. Martinez discussed a few of the issues that had to be overcome to make the development possible.

Ryan Shore, Project Manager with Dane County Public Works, explained that they became involved after much of the work onsite had been accomplished. The interior project work should be completed in the near future. The Parks Department will complete the outside access and landscaping.

Brian McMahon, Deputy Director of Operation Fresh Start, stated that they were actively involved with Silverwood when the park first started up four to five years ago. The OFS Crew worked on both trail development and construction projects. They also had a gardening program associated with the site. The work on Stone House included removing layer upon layer of wallpaper. They did hours and hours of tuck pointing to restore the rock walls. They removed the second floor, built a new lower level floor, installed the roof on the building and built the addition on the side where the garage once stood. There were over 160 students that worked on this project over a two-year period of time.

H. Announcements

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
8/14/18 Nature Photography Outing, Schumacher Farm - Friends of Schumacher Farm
8/14/18 Vlntr Restoration, Walking Iron, 9-noon - DC Park Staff
8/17/18 Master Gardeners Prairie Planting at Heritage Ctr prairies - FOCSRA LTE
8/17/18 Prairie Planting & Maintenance, Cap Springs Rec Area, 9-12 noon - FOCSRA
8/18/18 Friends Work Day, Pheasant Branch, 9-noon - Friends of Pheasant Branch
8/18/18 Vlntr Ed Train, Prairie Plant ID Walk, CamRock #2, 9-11 am - DC Park Staff
8/19/18 Summer Series Yoga on the Hill, 9-10 am - Friends of Lake View Hill
8/24/18 Friends of Donald Blue Bird Picnic, Pops Knoll - Friends of Donald
8/25/18 Barks for Parks, WI Brewing Company - DC Park Staff
8/26/18 Full Moon Hike 7:30-8:30 pm, Schumacher Farm - Friends of Schumacher Farm
8/28/18 Vlntr Restoration Workday, Walking Iron, 9:00 -noon - DC Park Staff
8/31/18 Aldo Leopold, Youth Program - Forestry - DC Parks Staff
9/4/18 Summer Series Yoga on the Hill, 6-7 pm - Friends of Lake View Hill
9/7/18 Master Gardeners Prairie Planting at Heritage Ctr prairies - FOCSRA LTE
9/8/18 Silverwood Farmers' Market, 8 am - Friends of Silverwood
9/9/18 Annual Heritage Fest, Schumacher Farm, noon- 5 pm - Friends of Schumacher

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 RIPP, seconded by THORESEN, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 7 - RIPP, LUNNEY, WISNIEWSKI, THORESEN, BOGUE, BROUWER and EICHER

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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

Park Commission members toured features of Silverwood County Park, but there was no official business conducted.