



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, March 24, 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, Lael Pascual, Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Darren Marsh

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) PC MINUTES 3-10-21
[MIN-516](#)

Attachments: [2020 MIN-516](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Minutes of March 10, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0

C. Fund Transfers - None

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2020
RES-409](#) AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO A PURCHASE OF SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH OPERATION FRESH START INC

Sponsors: RIPP and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-409](#)
[2020 RES-409 Fiscal Note](#)

Marsh provided information related to the Operation Fresh Start Inc. Conservation Crews and the services that are being provided on County lands.

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

[2020
RES-410](#) AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS FOR MORTON FOREST

Sponsors: RIPP, JOERS and RITT

Attachments: [2020 RES-410](#)
[2020 RES-410 Fiscal Note](#)

Marsh provided information on Steve Morton's donation and the conservation work that it will support at Morton Forest.

A motion was made by BROUWER, 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

[2020
RES-412](#) ACCEPTANCE OF THREE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
GRANTS TO REPLACE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL BRIDGES

Sponsors: RIPP

Attachments: [2020 RES-412](#)
[2020 RES-412 Fiscal Note](#)

Marsh provided a brief overview of the snowmobile program including how the program is administered by the County and is funded through WDNR grants with the monies generated by snowmobile registration fees. The County administers capital trail projects such as bridge projects.

A motion was made by BROUWER, 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

[2020
RES-417](#)

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED LTE FUNDS FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR DANE COUNTY PARKS

Sponsors: RIPP, RITT and SCHAUER

Attachments: [2020 RES-417](#)
[2020 RES-417 Fiscal Note](#)

THORESEN provided background on the Foundation for Dane County Parks and their work to raise funds to create two LTE positions. Marsh stated that Dane County Parks and the Foundation have created an LTE Coordinator Position to work with both the Foundation and Parks staff. The position(s) are funded by the Foundation and administered by Dane County.

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0 (THORESEN asked to be recused) YGP: 1/0

Ayes: 6 - BOGUE, BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair RIPP, MORAN and GOFORTH

Recused: 1 - First Vice Chair THORESEN

[2020
RES-418](#)

AUTHORIZING A LAND LEASE FOR YAHARA SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT

Sponsors: RITT, HATCHER and RIPP

Attachments: [2020 RES-418](#)
[2020 RES-418 MAP SedimentRemoval](#)
[2020 RES-418 Fiscal Note](#)

Smith provided information on the lease of land for a sediment storage site along the Yahara River south of Lafollette County Park.

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

[2020
RES-421](#)

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF MADISON AND ADDITIONAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE

Sponsors: RIPP

Attachments: [2020 RES-421](#)
[2020 RES-421 MAP RobertsonRd](#)
[2020 RES-421 Fiscal Note](#)

Smith provided information on the purchase of commercial lands immediately adjacent to the LWRD Robertson Road Facility. Smith indicated that there were additional monies in the resolution to create interconnectivity between facilities and traffic flow, security, fencing gates and cameras, work on the larger parking areas to improve stormwater management and some minor updates to the garage building.

A motion was made by BROUWER, 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

E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

F. Presentations - None

G. Reports to Committee

1. North Mendota Trail

James provided an update on the status of the development of the North Mendota Trail from North Shore Bay Drive through Governor Nelson State Park to the underpass on CTH M. James stated that Dane County Highway was planning on building the new trail section this spring, but an environmental survey of the site indicated that there was the potential of impacting nesting areas of a threatened bird species in Wisconsin that may postpone the construction start until fall of 2021. Planning for development of the remaining trail between the North Mendota Wildlife Area Prairie Unit and the City of Middleton is also anticipated to begin in the fall of 2021.

2. Visitor Services Program

Pascual provided a summary of a new program that Parks and LWRD are working on that will bring existing staff together to support a new program within Parks called Visitor Services. The program will also support LWRD. There is a need to create a resource pool of staff to help provide guidance for three major areas, Public Engagement, Volunteers, and Educational Programs that include the following. Focusing on Park Rangers and direct park services; community engagement through web, print, social media, media, press releases, newsletters, park kiosks and special events; Educational programming to include the goals, vision and mission of LWRD through the Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan and its Land and Water Resource Plan; Volunteer program supporting over 3,000 volunteers and 65,000 hours annually to support our park lands; Lussier Family Heritage Center as a resource center and educational training facility.

H. Announcements

None

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Next Meeting: April 14, 2021 Virtual Meeting at 5:30 pm
- 2. Proposed Outdoor Meeting and Tour at Lake View Hill Park on April 28th
- 3. 2021 Park Tour Schedule

*April 28th Lake View Hill
 May 26th Donald Park
 June 23rd CamRock Park
 July 28th Anderson Farm Park
 August 25th Walking Iron County Park and Wolf Run Trail
 September 29th Badger Prairie Park*

[2020 RPT-864](#) 2021 PARK TOUR SCHEDULE

Attachments: [2020 RPT-864](#)

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

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