



# 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?*

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Wednesday, March 10, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for  
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phone

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#### A. Call To Order

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

**Excused:** 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

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

*Youth Governance Member Present: Sam Kaufmann*

*Staff Present: Sharene Smith, Lars Higdon, Shane Otto, Darren Marsh, Sara Rigelman, Joleen Stinson, Chris James*

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

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#) PC MINUTES\_2-24-21  
[MIN-488](#)

**Attachments:** [2020 MIN-488](#)

A motion was made by THORESEN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes of February 24, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote: 6/0, YGP: 1/0

#### C. Fund Transfers - None

#### D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2020  
RES-385](#)

AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO ATC - LEWIS NINE SPRINGS  
E-WAY AND CAPITAL SPRINGS RECREATION AREA

**Sponsors:** RIPP

**Attachments:** [2020 RES-385](#)

[2020 RES-385 Fiscal Note](#)

[2020 RES-385 MAP ATC Easement NineSprings CapSprings](#)

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

[2020  
RES-386](#)

AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF EASEMENT TO ATC and DPC - BLACK EARTH  
CREEK WILDLIFE AREA, SUNNYSIDE UNIT

**Sponsors:** RIPP

**Attachments:** [2020 RES-386](#)

[2020 RES-386 Fiscal Note](#)

[2020 RES-386 MAP ATC Easement BEC](#)

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: 6/0, YGP: 1/0

**E. Items Requiring Committee Action - None**

**F. Presentations - None**

*GOFORTH arrived at 5:55 pm.*

**Present:** 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN and KRISTIE GOFORTH

**G. Reports to Committee**

**1. Land Management Activities**

*Higdon and Otto provided an overview of the Land Management Program and overview of program accomplishments for 2020.*

[2020](#)  
[RPT-841](#) LAND MANAGEMENT

**Attachments:** [2020 RPT-841](#)

2. Badger Mill Creek Restoration

*Rigelman discussed a partnership project with the City of Verona related to Badger Mill Creek and the replacement of outdated sanitary sewer. With the replacement of the outdated sewer it provides the opportunity for the County to improve fish habitat, water quality, and the Ice Age Trail. The County will also work at removing invasive species to improve the riparian area around the stream. The project will take place over the next year. The Ice Age Trail will be updated with a new bridge over the Creek and boardwalk sections through the restored marsh.*

[2020](#)  
[RPT-842](#) BADGER MILL CREEK RESTORATION

**Attachments:** [2020 RPT-842](#)

3. State Highway 69 Mitigation Proposals

*Rigelman discussed the need to explore further mitigation options with WisDOT on County lands along the STH 69. WisDOT staff offered approximately ~\$30,000 in mitigation value associated with lands that WisDOT will require for their STH 69 Improvement Plan. The options include creating a new access at the north end of the Sugar River Wildlife Area – Basco Unit and/or updates to an existing parking lot and river access site at Falk Wells Wildlife Area. Rigelman stated that staff's first choice is the new access at the north end of the Basco Unit.*

[2020](#)  
[RPT-843](#) FALK WELLS HWY 69

**Attachments:** [2020 RPT-843](#)

[2020](#)  
[RPT-844](#) SUGAR RIVER BASCO UNIT NORTHERN

**Attachments:** [2020 RPT-844](#)

**H. Announcements**

*Chris James stated that there was a pending change order for approximately \$20,000 with KL Engineering for additional planning and engineering to add a section of the Lower Yahara River Trail through Lake Kegonsa State Park to Williams Drive. Other planning improvements covered by the pending change order include pavement improvements to the parking lot at Fish Camp County Park.*

*Stinson announce that on March 17 there will be a Ceremonial Seeding Event at Pheasant Branch Conservancy for the planting of the former Acker Property. The event will run from about 1:00 to 2:00 PM and the Park Commission is invited to participate. An invitation will be sent with more details.*

**I. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

- 1. Next Meeting: March 24th, 2021 Virtual Meeting at 5:30 pm
- 2. Future Park Meetings/Tours

*After a discussion on suggested options for Summer Park Tour locations the following sites were initially selected:*

- 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-818](#)                      2021 PARK TOURS DRAFT

**Attachments:** [2020 RPT-818](#)

**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 THORESEN, seconded by EICHER, that the meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0, 1 Abstain (GOFORTH had technical difficulty), YGP: 1/0**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - GOFORTH

*The Commission met in closed session for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing or acquiring of property where open discussion of bargaining positions and strategies would discourage bargaining and harm the public's interest in obtaining properties. The authority for this possible closed session is Wis.Stat.19.85(1)(e).*

### **M. Return to Open Session**

**A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by BOGUE, that the meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote: 6/0, 1 Abstain (GOFORTH had technical difficulty), YGP: 1/0**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - GOFORTH

### **N. Adjourn**

**A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote: 7/0, YGP: 1/0**

*Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.*

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