



# 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, September 25, 2024

5:30 PM

Brigham County Park Shelter #1  
3160 County Highway F, Blue Mounds

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#### A. Call To Order

*Chair Thoresen called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:30 PM.*

*Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Chris James, Chad Haanen.*

*Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan present.*

*Others Present: Aaron Mullins, Sabina Agrawal.*

**Present:** 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, TOM THORESEN, GRACE MORAN,  
KRISTIE GOFORTH and DON POSTLER

**Excused:** 1 - ANALIESE EICHER

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2024  
MIN-232](#) Minutes of the August 28, 2024 Park Commission

**Attachments:** [2024 MIN-232 PC Minutes 08-28-24](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **POSTLER**, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

2. [2024  
MIN-233](#) Minutes of the September 4, 2024 Park Commission

**Attachments:** [2024 MIN-233 PC Minutes 09-04-24](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **MORAN**, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

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

1. [2024 RES-126](#) AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR STATE OF WISCONSIN DNR URBAN FORESTRY REGULAR GRANT PROGRAM FOR TREES TO COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM

**Sponsors:** CHAWLA, RYLANDER, BLAZEWICZ, POSTLER and ENGELBERGER

**Attachments:** [2024 RES-126](#)  
[2024 RES-126 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **POSTLER**, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

2. [2024 RES-128](#) AWARD OF AGREEMENT FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR BADGER PRAIRIE COUNTY PARK PLAYGROUND AND ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS

**Sponsors:** ENGELBERGER, BLAZEWICZ and POSTLER

**Attachments:** [2024 RES-128](#)  
[Sub 1 to 2024 RES-128 \(PWT and Parks\)](#)  
[SUB TO 2024 RES-128 \(PROPOSED-ENGELBERGER\)](#)  
[2024 RES-128 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2024 RES-128 CONTRACT #15603](#)

A motion was made by **GOFORTH** that Sub 1 to 2024 RES-128 be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

3. [2024 RES-132](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FROM WisDOT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WALKING IRON TRAIL

**Sponsors:** CHAWLA, POSTLER, BLAZEWICZ, RYLANDER and ENGELBERGER

**Attachments:** [2024 RES-132](#)  
[2024 RES-132 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2024 RES-132 CONTRACT #15594](#)

A motion was made by **BROUWER** that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

#### D. Items Requiring Committee Action

1. Set 2025 Park Fees

[2024  
RPT-182](#)

Dane County Parks 2025 Proposed Fee

**Attachments:** [Park Permit Fee History with 2025 Proposed Fees and Public Hearing Info](#)

*Dane County Parks held a public hearing on proposed 2025 park fees on September 5, 2024. Meeting notifications included a press release, website posting and inclusion in the emailed newsletter. There were no written comments received and no attendees at the public hearing.*

**A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by BROUWER, that the 2025 park fees be approved as presented. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.**

**E. Presentations**

1. Transferring Administration of Memorial Bench and Tree Program to the Foundation for Dane County Parks

*Joleen Stinson and Aaron Mullins shared proposed donation process and terms of transferring the administration of the memorial trees and benches to the Foundation for Dane County Parks.*

[2024  
RPT-277](#)

Foundation Administration of Tree Bench Program

**Attachments:** [Foundation Administration of Tree Bench Program](#)

**It was agreed by unanimous consent that it is in the best interest of Dane County Parks to transfer the administration of the memorial bench and tree program to the Foundation for Dane County Parks as presented.**

2. History of Brigham County Park

*This park is named after Ebenezer Brigham, one of the first permanent white settlers in the area. Information about him can be found on a historical marker in the park. The park is also named in honor of Charles I. Brigham (Ebenezer's Great-Nephew) who farmed the land and discovered Cave of the Mounds while blasting on his farm in 1939. It is one of the five oldest parks in the Dane County Park System. The park provides a panoramic view of the Wisconsin River Valley and includes a 23-unit campground, group camp area, two shelters, picnic area, play equipment, paved trail, nature trail through a maple woods, and hiking trails that connect to Blue Mound State Park. The Brigham Trail, a 1.3-mile paved shared-use trail, also goes through the park and connects to the Military Ridge State Trail and Cave of the Mounds National Natural Landmark. Shelter #2 is a timber frame structure that was built from trees that were harvested at Dane County Parks properties. Across from Brigham County Park is the County's 107-acre Blue Mounds Wildlife Area that offers public hunting opportunities and other activities such as hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing (ungroomed trails) and wildlife observation.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

- 1. Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
Heritage Center upper level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
Heritage Center upper level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None**

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None**

**I. Closed Session**

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** YGP Sanghvan

**Ayes:** 6 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Chair THORESEN, MORAN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH and Supervisor POSTLER

**Excused:** 1 - Supervisor EICHER

The Commission (or Committee) 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).

**J. Return to Open Session**

A motion was made by BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** YGP Sanghvan

**Ayes:** 6 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Chair THORESEN, MORAN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH and Supervisor POSTLER

**Excused:** 1 - Supervisor EICHER

**K. Adjourn**

A motion was made by POSTLER that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0, YGP 1-0.

*Meeting adjourned 7:05 PM.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Joleen Stinson, pending Park Commission approval.*