



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, July 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Goodland County Park
2849 Waubesa Ave, Madison 53711

A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Chris James, Sharene Smith.

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

Excused: 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Park Commission
[MIN-201](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-201 PC MINUTES 6-26-23](#)

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

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2023](#) AUTHORIZING A RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN
[RES-121](#) DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A BICYCLE
PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

Sponsors: CHAWLA, HATCHER and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-121](#)
[2023 RES-121 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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

2. [2023 RES-122](#) AUTHORIZING DONATION OF FUNDS FOR AN ACCESSIBLE FISHING PIER FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR DANE COUNTY PARKS

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RITT, HATCHER and RATCLIFF

Attachments: [2023 RES-122](#)
[2023 RES-122 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by MORAN, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

3. [2023 RES-123](#) AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WALKING IRON STATE TRAIL

Sponsors: CHAWLA, HATCHER and RITT

Attachments: [2023 RES-123](#)
[2023 RES-123 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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

D. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

E. Presentations

1. City of Fitchburg proposed Syene/McCoy intersection reconstruction project

The City of Fitchburg is planning an intersection reconstruction project at Syene Rd and McCoy Blvd to improve vehicle and Capital City Trail road crossing safety. The road reconstruction project will affect the location of the Capital City Trail and existing trailhead parking lot driveway. Three draft intersection alternatives were first reported to the Park Commission at the December 14, 2022 meeting. Staff and the Fitchburg Bicycle Advisory Committee both recommended Alternative 3 to minimize the number of times the Capital City Trail crossed the parking lot driveway. The City of Fitchburg chose to move forward with design alternative 2 based on it being the least expensive to construct. Alternative 2 would result in an additional driveway trail crossing that currently does not exist. Dane County Parks staff prepared a revised Alternative 2 layout that would re-route the Capital City Trail around the north side of the parking lot and eliminate the additional proposed driveway crossing. The opinion of probable cost to construct the proposed alternative Capital City Trail re-route and pave the trailhead parking lot is approximately \$250,000-\$300,000. The City of Fitchburg has stated there is no additional funding available in their budget for the proposed trail and parking lot improvements. Dane County Parks Staff will continue to discuss funding alternatives with the City of Fitchburg. Staff will provide a future update to the Park Commission as the project planning progresses.

[2023
RPT-190](#)

City of Fitchburg proposed Syene/McCoy intersection reconstruction project maps

Attachments: [City of Fitchburg proposed Syene McCoy intersection reconstruction project maps](#)

2. History of Goodland County Park

Goodland County Park is located on the west shore of Lake Waubesa. The park is 15 acres with 600 feet of shoreline. The park is on the National Register of Historic Places because of the Native American mounds. Facilities include two shelters, volleyball, tennis and basketball courts, play equipment, a boat launch and a swimming area with a clean beach treatment system. Recent park improvements include court restoration and new roofs on both shelters and the storage garage. Goodland County Park is one of Dane County's oldest parks, established in 1946. It was named after Governor Walter Goodland, who took office in 1943 at the age of 80. Goodland, Babcock and LaFollette County Parks were named by school children who voted on names of historic figures.

F. Reports to Committee

Supervisor RIPP reported that the Public Works & Transportation Commission approved two change orders for park development projects at their July 25, 2023 meeting:

- 1. Changing type of erosion control mat used for the spillway at Walking Iron Wildlife Area wetland restoration.*
- 2. Adding additional topsoil at McCarthy Youth and Conservation County Park's new shelter and parking lot project.*

BOGUE shared a photo of a sculpture she saw at Mosquito Hill Nature Center that was made out of wood from surrounding parkland. Incorporating more public art into the park system is a recommendation of the 2018-2023 Parks and Open Space Plan (POSP) and will be discussed as part of the upcoming POSP update.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, August 9, 2023 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center lower level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, August 23, 2023
Mendota County Park
5133 County Highway M, Middleton

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda - None

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

J. Closed Session

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

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

Excused: 1 - Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

CLOSED SESSION: The Park Commission entered into closed session per Wis. Stat.19.85(1)(e): The Commission may go into closed session for the purposes of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

K. 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:

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

Excused: 1 - Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **MORAN**, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:57 PM.

M. Optional - Tour Goodland County Park swimming area and clean beach treatment system

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