



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, January 28, 2026

5:30 PM Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the Heritage Center
Upper Level, 3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison; attend
virtually via Zoom

A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Andy Paulios, Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan Present.

Others Present: Dr. Amy Alstad, Erin Trondson, Jim Welch.

Present: 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN,
KRISTIE GOFORTH, DON POSTLER and JASMINE BANKS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)

Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Park Commission

[MIN-516](#)

Attachments: [2025 MIN-516 Park Commission Minutes 1-14-2026](#)

A motion was made by BROUWER that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

Chair Thoresen requested to move the Presentation up on the agenda. There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members.

D. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Presentation: Holy Wisdom Monastery Property Management and Potential Conservation Easement (North Mendota Natural Resource Area)

Dr. Amy Alstad, Director of Land Management & Environmental Education at Holy Wisdom Monastery, provided an overview of the Monastery's mission and their land restoration initiatives. She highlighted the sisters' commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement. They are interested in placing a conservation easement on 70 acres of the property.

[2025 RPT-666](#) Holy Wisdom Monastery Presentation

Attachments: [Holy Wisdom Monastery Presentation](#)

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025 RES-306](#) AUTHORIZING A PERMANENT LIMITED EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY LIMITED EASEMENT AT ICE AGE TRAIL JUNCTION AREA TO CITY OF FITCHBURG

Sponsors: KEMP and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-306](#)
[2025 RES-306 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-306 MAP](#)
[2025 RES-306 CONTRACT #16115](#)

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

2. [2025 RES-311](#) AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROOTED INC AT ANDERSON FARM COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: BOLLIG

Attachments: [2025 RES-311](#)
[2025 RES-311 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-311 CONTRACT #16129](#)

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

3. [2025 RES-312](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TIMBER HARVEST AT DONALD COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: CHAWLA, FRIES and POSTLER

Attachments: [2025 RES-312](#)
[2025 RES-312 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-312 CONTRACT #16130](#)

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.

- 4. [2025 RES-313](#) AUTHORIZING STATE/MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sponsors: CHAWLA and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-313](#)
[2025 RES-313 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2025 RES-313 CONTRACT #16103](#)

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

- 5. [2025 RES-317](#) ACCEPTANCE OF US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE FUNDS FOR PRAIRIE FUNDS FOR PRAIRIE AND SAVANNA RESTORATION

Sponsors: CHAWLA, BARUSHOK, FRIES, POSTLER, ENGELBERGER and MILES

Attachments: [2025 RES-317](#)
[2025 RES-317 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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

E. Reports to Committee

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Heritage Center
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Chair Thoresen reported that the Wisconsin DNR held a public hearing on the Chapter 30 permit application for the Yahara River sediment removal project on Tuesday, January 27, and the public comment period closes Friday, February 6. He noted that any comments from Commissioners must be submitted as individuals, not on behalf of the Commission. He also requested a future meeting presentation on the project.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by **BROUWER**, seconded by **BANKS**, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:21 PM.

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