



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, February 11, 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: Sharene Smith, Joleen Stinson.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan Present.

Others Present: Lucia Nelson.

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

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025
MIN-537](#)

Minutes of the January 28, 2026 Park Commission

Attachments: [2025 MIN-537 Park Commission Minutes 1-28-2026](#)

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

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2025
RES-340](#)

AUTHORIZING LAND, PERMANENT LIMITED EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY
LIMITED EASEMENT SALE AT BABCOCK COUNTY PARK TO WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sponsors: MILES and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES - 340](#)
[2025 RES-340 FISCAL NOTE](#)

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.

[2025
RES-346](#)

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A TEMPORARY LIMITED EASEMENT
FOR THE WALKING IRON TRAIL (FUCHS REAL ESTATE, LLC)

Sponsors: DOOLAN and ENGELBERGER

Attachments: [2025 RES-346](#)

[2025 RES-346 FISCAL NOTE](#)

[2025 RES-346 AREA MAP](#)

[2025 RES-346 SUBJECT MAP](#)

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

D. Items Requiring Committee Action

E. Presentations

F. Reports to Committee

Last week Dane County Parks received two awards from Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association: a Park Design award for the new playground McCarthy Youth and Conservation Park and a Silver Star Award for Women and Gender Minorities chainsaw trainings and workdays. Commission congratulated Dane County Parks for these awards and Parks Director Joleen Stinson for starting her term as President of the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association.

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

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

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

J. Closed Session

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

Aye: YGP Sanghvan

Ayes: 7 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH, Supervisor POSTLER and BANKS

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).

YGP Sanghvan left the meeting at 6:00 PM during Closed Session.

K. Return to Open Session

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

Ayes: 7 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROWER, Supervisor EICHER, Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH, Supervisor POSTLER and BANKS

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BANKS, that the be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:09 PM.

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