



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, June 26, 2024

5:30 PM

Pheasant Branch Conservancy
5000 Pheasant Branch Rd, Middleton

A. Call To Order

Vice-Chair Brouwer called the Park Commission meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

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

Others Present: Hans Hilbert, Pam Shannon, Chris Kehler, Jim Bachhuber.

Present: 6 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, GRACE MORAN,
KRISTIE GOFORTH and DON POSTLER

Excused: 1 - TOM THORESEN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) Minutes of the May 22, 2024 Park Commission
[MIN-072](#)

Attachments: [2024 MIN-072 PC Minutes 5-22-24](#)

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

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2024](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
[RES-029](#) ADDENDUM FOR 2024 FROM THE WI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

Sponsors: CHAWLA, POSTLER, ENGELBERGER and YANG

Attachments: [2024 RES-029](#)
[2024 RES-029 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.

2. [2024 RES-070](#) AUTHORIZING DANE COUNTY TO SIGN A REVISED PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH WisDOT FOR WALKING IRON TRAIL BRIDGE B428E TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM

Sponsors: CHAWLA, ERICKSON, BLAZEWICZ and POSTLER

Attachments: [2024 RES-070](#)
[2024 RES-070 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by BOGUE, seconded by EICHER, 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. Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy

The Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy (FOPBC) organized in 1995, the same year that Dane County acquired the former Frederick farm. For nearly 30 years, the FOPBC has demonstrated a strong commitment to restoring habitat in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy and educating the public about its resources. With the exception of a few contract workers, they are an all-volunteer organization. The Friends donated \$100,000 to Dane County Parks over the last 4 years for the restoration of the northern 160-acre addition to the Conservancy, which was acquired in 2019. There will be a public celebration for the completion of this restoration on Monday, August 5 from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. The Friends work both in the City and County's portions of the Conservancy; focusing on wetland restoration, diversifying the species found within the property, citizen science, advocating for proper stormwater planning in adjacent new developments, and extensive public environmental education.

F. Reports to Committee - None

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Wednesday, July 24, 2024
Ice Age Junction Natural Resource Area
Park and Ride, 2585 Old PB, Verona
2. Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Fish Camp County Park
Net House, 3359 Fish Camp Rd, McFarland
3. Wednesday, September 4, 2024
public hearing for 2025 fees
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison

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

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

Staff and commissioners shared the following announcements:

- 1. 2024 RES-069 was introduced, which includes reappointing Grace, Kristie and Tom to Park Commission.*
- 2. 2024 RES-026 passed, which awards a paving contract for Token Creek County Park.*
- 3. The redesign plans at Mendota County Park, which is funded by a donation to the Foundation for Dane County Parks from the Ragatz family, are ~90% complete.*
- 4. The Lower Yahara River Trail phase 2 construction is wrapping up, just a few punch list items left. Grand opening will be scheduled after Labor Day.*

J. Closed Session

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

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

Excused: 1 - Chair THORESEN

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).

K. Return to Open Session

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

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

Excused: 1 - Chair THORESEN

L. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned 6:42 PM.

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