



# 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, December 11, 2024

5:30 PM

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

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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, Alex DeSmidt, Dan Schmitt.*

*Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan present.*

*Others Present: Samuel Kok, Brian Andreas, Mary Andreas.*

**Present:** 7 - NANCY BOGUE, STEFANIE BROUWER, ANALIESE EICHER, TOM THORESEN,  
GRACE MORAN, KRISTIE GOFORTH and DON POSTLER

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) Minutes of the November 11, 2024 Park Commission  
[MIN-323](#)

**Attachments:** [2024 MIN-323 PC Minutes 11-13-24](#)  
[PC Registration Report 11-13-2024](#)

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

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

1. [2024](#) AUTHORIZING A PURCHASE OF LAND AT MORTON FOREST  
[RES-227](#)

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

**Attachments:** [2024 RES-227](#)  
[2024 RES-227 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2024 RES-227 AREA MAP](#)  
[2024 RES-227 SIGNED COPY](#)

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

- 2. [2024 RES-229](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT FUNDING FROM WISDOT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAPITAL CITY TO GLACIAL DRUMLIN TRAIL CONNECTOR PATH

**Sponsors:** PETERSON and CHAWLA

- Attachments:** [2024 RES-229](#)  
[2024 RES-229 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2024 RES-229 MAP](#)  
[2024 RES-229 CONTRACT #15666](#)  
[2024 RES-229 SIGNED COPY](#)

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

- 3. [2024 RES-231](#) AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION PHASE ONE OF THE WALKING IRON TRAIL

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

- Attachments:** [2024 RES-231](#)  
[2024 RES-231 FISCAL NOTE](#)  
[2024 RES-231 CONTRACT #15660](#)  
[2024 RES-231 SIGNED COPY](#)

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

#### D. Items Requiring Committee Action

- 1. Conservation Fund Grant for the Driftless Area Land Conservancy for the Kernen parcel in the Southwest Grasslands

*There was unanimous consent by Park Commission members to direct staff to prepare a resolution to award a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant to the Driftless Area Land Conservancy for up to 50% of the acquisition costs for the Kernen parcel.*

[2024 RPT-367](#) Driftless Area Land Conservancy Kernen Grassland Presentation

**Attachments:** [DALC\\_Kernen\\_11-13-2024](#)

#### E. Presentations

1. Park and Open Space Plan 2025-2030 Update

*Alex DeSmidt reviewed Park and Open Plan 2025-2030 work completed to date, outlined next steps, and shared plan highlights. Draft plan anticipated in February 2025 with public input meetings to follow in the spring of 2025 before adoption in summer/fall of 2025.*

[2024](#)  
[RPT-429](#)

Park & Open Space Plan 2025 - 2030, update handout 12-11-2024

**Attachments:** [POSP Update 12-11-2024](#)

**F. Reports to Committee - None**

**G. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

1. Wednesday, January 8, 2025  
Heritage Center, Upper Level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
2. Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
Heritage Center, Upper Level  
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
3. Full 2025 Meeting Schedule

[2024](#)  
[RPT-357](#)

2025 Park Commission Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** [2025 PC Meeting Schedule](#)

**H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

*Brian Andreas spoke in support of the Badger Prairie County Park Aeromodeling Field. If the Dane County proposed Waste and Renewables solar field moves forward in this location and closes the current aeromodeling field, he would like to see another location developed for this use.*

*Samuel Kok spoke in support of the Badger Prairie County Park Aeromodeling Field. If the Dane County proposed Waste and Renewables solar field moves forward in this location and closes the current aeromodeling field, he would like to see another location developed for this use.*

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

**J. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 6:18 PM.

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