



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, August 28, 2024

5:30 PM

Fish Camp County Park Net House
3359 Fish Camp Rd, McFarland

A. Call To Order

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

Staff Present: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Lael Pascual, Alex DeSmidt, Chad Haanen, David Rowe.

Others Present: Janice Kellog, George Corrigan, Kim Walz, Connie Hagen.

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

Excused: 1 - KRISTIE GOFORTH

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#) Minutes of the July 24, 2024 Park Commission
[MIN-157](#)

Attachments: [2024 MIN-157 PC Minutes 7-24-24](#)

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

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments) - None

D. Presentations

1. Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS)

Friends of Lake Kegonsa Society (FOLKS) is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is to protect and enhance the environmental and recreational values of Lake Kegonsa and its surrounding resources. They are an entirely volunteer run organization with ~400-450 members who mostly live on or near Lake Kegonsa. FOLKS focuses a lot of their volunteer energy to improve Fish Camp County Park. Their volunteers maintain the shoreline gardens, lead public educational events and assist with land restoration along the new Lower Yahara River Trail. FOLKS has donated time and funding to renovate the historic net house and contributed funding to the new kayak launch. FOLKS also contributes to water quality improvement projects, such as local leaf pick-up, stocking walleye, carp removal and water quality testing.

2. Lower Yahara River Trail Phase 2 and Fish Camp County Park Accessibility Improvement Project Completion

The Lower Yahara River Trail phase II is open! This project took five years for planning, permitting and construction. It is a 1.6 mile asphalt paved trail with 4,200-feet of boardwalk through wetlands and a 90-foot bridge over Door Creek. The trail begins at Fish Camp County Park and extends east along the northern shore of Lake Kegonsa into Lake Kegonsa State Park. A new accessible floating kayak launch, walk-in kayak ramp, and accessible fishing pier were added to Fish Camp County Park, through a separate but concurrent development project. Over \$150,000 in privately raised funds contributed to the accessible fishing and boating improvements. Dane County Parks will host a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 24 at Fish Camp County Park to celebrate the completion of both of these projects.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Proposed 2025 Park Fees Posted

The proposed 2025 fees were posted on the Dane County Parks website, a press release was sent out, and it was included in the most recent parks newsletter advertising the public hearing on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. To date, no communications have been received related to the proposed 2025 fees.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, September 4, 2024
public hearing for 2025 fees
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Wednesday, September 25, 2024
Brigham County Park
3160 County Highway F, Blue Mounds

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

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law - None

I. 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:

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

Excused: 1 - Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

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).

J. Return to Open Session

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

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

Excused: 1 - Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

K. 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 6:47 PM.

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