



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, March 26, 2025

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: Joleen Stinson, Sharene Smith, Lael Pascual.

Youth Governance Program Member Aleena Sanghvan excused.

Others Present: Tony Abate, Renee Lauber.

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-547](#)

Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Park Commission

Attachments: [2024 MIN-547 Park Commission 03-12-2025](#)

[Park Commission Registration Report 03-12-2025](#)

A motion was made by MORAN, seconded by BROUWER, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

D. Presentations

1. Conservation Fund Grant Applications from Groundswell Conservancy for two projects:

- a. Felio Conservation Easement in the Town of Dunkirk - Badfish Creek NRA
- b. Village Edge Conservation Easement in the Town of Black Earth - Black Earth Creek NRA

Tony Abate, Groundswell Conservancy's Conservation Director, presented an overview of two conservation easement projects. Groundswell Conservancy is requesting a Dane County Conservation Fund Grant of \$125,000 (25% of costs) for the Felio easement and \$332,000 (50% of costs) for the Village Edge easement.

Renee Lauber, Executive Director of the Dane County Towns Association, read a statement from Norm Monsen, Town of Dunkirk Board Chairman, supporting the Felio easement.

[2024](#)
[RPT-632](#)

Groundswell Conservancy Presentation 3-26-2025

Attachments: [Groundswell Conservancy Presentation 3-26-2025](#)

2. Engagement & Visitor Services Update

Lael Pascual led a presentation on the 2024 Engagement & Visitor Services highlights. The presentation included number of shelter reservations, campground reservations, permits sold, OVNs issued, Heritage Center reservations, volunteer hours, outreach events, education program and native plant program.

[2024](#)
[RPT-631](#)

Engagement & Visitor Services Update Presentation 3-26-2025

Attachments: [Engagement & Visitor Services Update Presentation 3-26-2025](#)

E. Reports to Committee - None

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Thursday, April 24, 2025
Joint meeting with Environmental, Agriculture &
Natural Resources Committee
5201 Fen Oak Dr, Madison
2. Wednesday, April 30, 2025
2025-2030 POSP Open House
Heritage Center, Upper Level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
3. Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Fish Lake County Park
7764 Fish Lake Rd, Sauk City

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 BROUWER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Meeting enter into closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH and Supervisor POSTLER

Excused: 2 - Supervisor EICHER and MORAN

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 BROUWER, seconded by MORAN, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, Vice Chair BROUWER, Chair THORESEN, Second Vice Chair GOFORTH and Supervisor POSTLER

Excused: 2 - Supervisor EICHER and MORAN

K. Adjourn

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by BOGUE, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0.

Meeting adjourned 6:44 PM.

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