



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, January 24, 2024

5:30 PM 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, Chris James, Sharene Smith.

Youth Governance Member Steve Hoang present.

Others Present: Nancy Wiegand, Brock Woods, David Robb, Mike Weber.

Present: 5 - NANCY BOGUE, ANALIESE EICHER, DAVE RIPP, TOM THORESEN and
KRISTIE GOFORTH

Excused: 2 - STEFANIE BROUWER and GRACE MORAN

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2023](#) Minutes of the January 10, 2024 Park Commission
[MIN-470](#)

Attachments: [2023 MIN-470 PC Minutes 1-10-24](#)
[Park Commission 1-10-24 Registration Report & In Person](#)
[Registration Form](#)
[Get Kids Outside Comments January 10 24](#)
[Wiegand Comments January 10 24](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by RIPP, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

C. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2023](#) AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF DONATED FUNDS FROM THE
[RES-301](#) FRIENDS OF PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP and HATCHER

Attachments: [2023 RES-301](#)
[2023 RES-301 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

2. [2023 RES-302](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUMS TO PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH OPERATION FRESH START INC FOR 2024 CONSERVATION CREWS

Sponsors: CHAWLA, HUELSEMANN and HATCHER

Attachments: [2023 RES-302](#)
[2023 RES-302 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-302 CONTRACT #13649E](#)
[2023 RES-302 CONTRACT #14530C](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

3. [2023 RES-304](#) ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PHEASANT BRANCH CONSERVANCY RESTORATION

Sponsors: CHAWLA, RIPP and HATCHER

Attachments: [2023 RES-304](#)
[2023 RES-304 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

4. [2023 RES-305](#) ACCEPTANCE OF A WDNR PHEASANT STAMP GRANT FOR HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS

Sponsors: CHAWLA

Attachments: [2023 RES-305](#)
[2023 RES-305 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-305 CONTRACT #15308](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by GOFORTH, that the Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

5. [2023 RES-306](#) AUTHORIZING ADDENDUM TO PURCHASE OF SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROOTED INC FOR 2024 PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GARDENS AT ANDERSON FARM COUNTY PARK

Sponsors: CHAWLA and HUELSEMANN

Attachments: [2023 RES-306](#)
[2023 RES-306 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

6. [2023 RES-307](#) AUTHORIZING PARC & RIDE GRANT AWARDS

Sponsors: CHAWLA

Attachments: [2023 RES-307](#)
[2023 RES-307 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote, 4-0, RIPP abstained, YGP 1-0.

7. [2023 RES-309](#) AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE INDIAN LAKE COUNTY PARK & HALFWAY PRAIRIE WILDLIFE AREA MASTER PLAN

Sponsors: DOOLAN, CHAWLA, ROSE and RIPP

Attachments: [2023 RES-309](#)
[2023 RES-309 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[2023 RES-309 MEMO](#)

Nancy Wiegand spoke in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan. Full written comments attached.

Brock Woods spoke in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan.

David Robb spoke in opposition to the proposed Indian Lake County Park developments included in the draft plan.

Mike Weber spoke in support of adopting the Indian Lake County Park Master Plan.

Joleen Stinson stated that Dane County Parks takes decisions to add new infrastructure to our parks extremely seriously and only proposes new facilities that we feel are absolutely necessary and will have minimal impacts to the park environment and users. She feels strongly that the improvements, including a two-way road to the warming cabin/group camp/sledding hill and the paved multi-use trail are necessary recommendations of this master plan to serve the growing population into the future. Dane County is a leader in many ways and accessible outdoor recreation is one of them.

Chris James stated that the developments proposed in this master plan are consistent with the Recreation Park property classification, and are lighter than most other Recreation Parks within the system. When you consider the overall size of the park, the proposed road and parking lot cover an extremely modest portion of the park. The amount of development proposed strikes the right balance of protecting natural resources while increasing accessibility.

A motion was made by EICHER, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

- 8. [2023 RES-310](#) AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SAUK COUNTY AND SAUK CITY FOR WisDOT TAP-STARS GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Sponsors: CHAWLA and RIPP

Attachments: [2023 RES-310](#)
[2023 RES-310 FISCAL NOTE](#)

A motion was made by GOFORTH, seconded by BOGUE, that the Resolution be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

D. Items Requiring Committee Action - None

E. Presentations - None

F. Reports to Committee - None

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- 1. Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting
Heritage Center upper level
3101 Lake Farm Rd, Madison
- 2. Wednesday, March 13, 2024 - Hybrid Meeting
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 - None

J. Closed Session

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

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, Supervisor EICHER, Supervisor RIPP, Chair THORESEN and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair BROUWER and MORAN

The Commission (or Committee) plans to meet 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 RIPP, that the Meeting exit out of closed session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - BOGUE, Supervisor EICHER, Supervisor RIPP, Chair THORESEN and Second Vice Chair GOFORTH

Excused: 2 - Vice Chair BROUWER and MORAN

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by RIPP, seconded by EICHER, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 5-0, YGP 1-0.

Meeting adjourned 7:29 PM.

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