

DANE COUNTY PARK COMMISSION MINUTES

February 12, 2003 5:15 PM

Dane County Parks Office Conference Room

4318 Robertson Road

Madison, WI 53714

Present: William Lunney (chair), Kay Bongers, Tom Dawson, Libby Lewis, Darold Lowe, Jim Mohrbacher, and John Hutchinson

Others Present: Ken LePine, Doug Fendry, and Chris James

Meeting called to Order

By: James Mohrbacher at 5:15 P.M. in the Dane County Parks Conference Room, 4318 Robertson Road.

Appearance by the Public:

None

Minutes:

Moved by Mohrbacher (with a correction listing him as present at the January 22, 2003 Meeting, which he attended) seconded by Bongers and Lowe to approve the minutes with Mohrbacher's correction of the January 22, 2003 Park Commission Meeting and Grants Committee Meeting. Motion Carried (5-0)

Report on Deer Hunting and Request to Extend the Dates

LePine requested the Chair delay the Resolution on Naming the Prairie in order to take up the deer hunting report and CWD initiatives. It was agreed by the Commission to adjust the agenda to take up the deer hunting issue first.

LePine gave a brief report on the archery hunting in the Dane County Parks. There were a total of 15 deer taken in the parks: 10 adult doe, 3 buck fawns, 1 doe fawn and 1 adult buck. The season went very smooth with no real complaints about hunting or problems between hunters and park users reported. Some concerns have been expressed that people interested in skiing would like to get back to using Stewart Park.

Doug Fendry from the Department of Natural Resources reported on the status of the CWD tests. The intensive management zone continues to be the target area for de-population of deer. The Department is still taking deer with government shooters and has a special permit hunt to remove deer in that area until March 31st. Landowners have been asked to cooperate with the removal of deer on their property; by hunting the deer themselves with special permits or issuing special permits to hunters they allow on their land. Hunting over bait is another method to increase the deer harvest, which the DNR will help with.

LePine and Fendry discussed options with the Commission on those parklands within the intensive management zone. After considerable discussion it was moved by Dawson and seconded by Mohrbacher to follow the following park staff and DNR staff recommendation:

Brigham, Festge, Walking Iron For the de-population of deer.

Begin as early as February 24th if permits were available, to continued Archery Hunting in these parks until March 31.

Extend hunting hours to all day hunting - DNR hunting hours.

Limit the number of hunters; the same total number of hunters per park as the first archery hunt.

Allow hunters to hunt in any open zone.

DNR could work with the hunters to archery hunting over bait stations if one is set up in one or all of the parks.

Closed “use areas” would remain closed as in the earlier hunt.

Government shooters could hunt over bait at night, early evening with special sound suppressed and light mounted rifles after the 16th of March or if the archery hunters are not successful.

Hunter Safety Certificate would still be required for anyone hunting in the park.

Stewart Park

DNR will work with Dane County Parks:

No expanded hunting at Stewart for the public.

Allow DNR government shooters to hunt over bait at night with special sound suppressed light mounted rifles until March 31 about once per week and at night.

Motion Carried (7-0).

The Commission thanked Doug Fendry for his assistance and willingness to attend the meeting.

***** Resolution No. ___ Naming of a Prairie at Cam-Rock County Park “Rosemary Fleming’s Prairie”**

LePine explained that this had been discussed at the previous meeting and the resolution was prepared as requested for this meeting. It was moved by Lowe and seconded by Bongers to introduce the UN-numbered Resolution - Naming of a Prairie at Cam-Rock County Park “Rosemary Fleming’s Prairie” to the County Board as already approved by the Park Commission. Motion Carried (7-0)

Planning Project Reports

Chris James presented the Commission with a report on the projects that the Planning and Development Program has on their plate with limited staff resources.

1. Jenni and Kyle

- Secure permits from the DNR and City of Madison (grading, dredging, site, building, and utility) Feb-Mar
- Create detailed site layout, grading, and landscape plans. Feb-Mar
- Coordinate bid documents for open shelter/restroom facility. Feb-Mar
- Secure purchase orders for construction materials/sub-contractors
- Construction/contract/bid/grant administration May-Sept

2. Patrick Marsh Project Plan

- Public participation process
- Complete draft plan with assistance from RPC
- Expedite plan through approval process for adoption
- Completion of Project Plan Mar-Apr 2003

- 3. Donald Park Master Plan Written Report**
 - Coordinate written report for graphic Master Plan with SAA
 - Coordinate preparation of graphic exhibits with LTE
 - Completion of report Apr 2003
- 4. Black Earth Creek Project Plan**
 - Provide input/guidance for completion of project
 - Completion (?)
- 5. Lake Map Update**
 - Ongoing since December of 2002
 - Completed February 12, 2003
- 6. Capital Springs Centennial State Park and Recreation Area**
 - CORE Team, meetings.
- 7. Viking Park**
 - Chap. 30 grading permit approval May 1st?
 - Secure Purchase Orders, construction administration Mar 2003
- 8. E-Way**
 - Chap. 30 bridge permits, approval May 1st?
 - Coordinate bridge selection/purchase orders March 2003
- 9. Schumacher Park Master Plan**
 - Preliminary completed Sept 2002
 - STH 113 reconstruction project, coordinate planning with DOT
 - Mar-Apr 2003
- 10. CTH N-I-94 Bike/Ped Underpass**
 - Attend meetings, provide input for Parks Dept.
- 11. Nesbitt Road Reconstruction**
 - Attend meetings, provide input for Parks Dept.
- 12. McCarthy Park Group Camp**
 - Layout road/oversee clearing for group camp Mar 2003
- 13. Dane County SMART Growth Comprehensive Plan**
 - Attend meetings
- 14. Donald Park Vault Toilets**
 - Coordinate completion with Public Works

The following active projects are currently not being worked on; however should be completed in the near future:

1. Fish Lake/Lussier Natural Resource Site Project Plan
2. Lussier Park Master Plan
3. Salmo Pond Chap 30 Permit/Design
4. Scheidegger Park Master Plan Silverwood Master Plan
5. CamRock Master Plan
6. Mill Property Master Plan
7. CamRock Trail/Bridge Design/Coordination
8. Update Park Maps
9. Donald Park Shelter Design/Bid Documents
10. Donald Park Donation Kiosk Coordination
11. Capital City Trail Interpretive Kiosks
12. Viking Park Trail re-route Chap 30, NR 103?
13. Heritage Center Children's Play Area
14. Mendota Park Children's Play Equipment
15. Update E-Way Map Exhibit

The Commission felt it very important to begin to prioritize the projects on our plate and that new initiatives at this point were out of the question with the active projects and those on deck. Staff indicated that this is not a new situation but reflects the backlog of projects, which has continued to grow with the park system.

Lunney indicated that he and LePine had discussed a prioritization of projects and for management staff. At the next meeting he wishes the Commission to give some direction so while LePine is still here he would know what projects, issues or programs the Commission would like him to concentrate.

Respectfully Submitted by Kenneth J. LePine