

Town of Verona  
Open Space and Parks Commission Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 14, 2010

Present: Keen, Hoffman, Miller and Siehr

Also Present: R. M. Johnson, Bliss Nicholson, Barb Walker and Chris James-Dane Co. Parks

Called to order at 7:33 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda Miller, Hoffman Motion carried.

**Public comment:** Plan Commission meeting regarding Ag Enterprise Area (AEA)

**Approval of July, August and October minutes:** Motion to approve Siehr, Hoffman Motion Carried

**Report from County Park's Staff on anticipated projects 2011**

Chris James noted December 15 County informational session to kickoff of the 2011 update the Dane County Open Space and Parks Plan. Current Plan is available on the County's website. Intent is to gather input from all the stakeholders. County update will be on Facebook. Public input process goes thru April 2011

**Prairie Moraine and Wesner Property** County purchased the Wesner property, plan to keep the house for removal to another site if that plan fails the demo will occur. Church will take one of the storage buildings and County will keep the other with the intent to move the parking area for dog park uses to minimize congestion. Parking lot to be constructed possibly in 2012, ongoing vegetation management and prairie restoration is underway.

**Schiedegger Forest** "Jewel" of the County Park System, shelter is completed built from trees harvested from the site, solar powered drinking fountain, new well for fresh drinking water – open from May thru October. Paving to be done in 2011 and trees to be planted – need for "friends of the forest" club. Group camping opportunity 20-30 people.

**Redden Soccer** County is working with MAYSA, Chris Lay, lighting anticipated

**Report on Upper Sugar Watershed 2011 projects**

Grant applications to be considered in January, tree removal from the Sugar River and initiative to establish a lower and middle Sugar River watershed. Resources for funding will be explored and applications to be submitted to the various agencies. Natural Resources Foundation trip thru the Aldo Leopold area could take place in June.

**Review 2011 calendar for commission meeting dates** – Second Wednesday of the month to begin at 7:30 and future agenda item would be to review the existing town open space and parks plan

Adjourn: Siehr\Hoffman at 8:55 p.m.

Bill Keen  
Chair

Approved: 1-12-11