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Public Hearing on Proposed 2006 Dane County Parks Fee Increases

The Dane County Parks Commission will hold a public hearing on the Proposed Parks 2006 Fee Increases on September 28, 2005 at 5:30 P.M. room 2 A of the City County Building, 210 M.L. King Jr. Blvd, Madison WI 53703

The Dane County Park Commission has the responsibility to set the fee structure for service provided in the County Parks. "I believe the County Parks Department has been very diligent trying to hold down costs, especially during these tight budget times. Dane County Parks works very hard to maintain excellent services in the face of increased costs," stated Park Commission Chair Bill Lunney. The proposed 2006 fee increases include shelter rentals, camping, lake access sites, firewood, vending, archery access permit and disc golf.

"Dane County Parks charges service fees in the form of user permits to help offset the operation and maintenance costs associated with various park activities," said Darren Marsh, Parks Director. These fees allow the Parks to provide services for specific types of activities where the user covers a large percentage of the cost. Activities include boating, camping, dog exercise areas, events, mountain biking, skiing, aeromodeling and others. Fee rates are determined by a number of factors including the costs for labor, utilities, supplies, equipment, fuel and program administration. Marsh noted that when there is a larger percentage increases proposed for any given fee or service it's generally due to the fact that the fee hasn't been increased for several years. For more information on fees and other park information please contact Dane County Parks at (608) 246-3896 or visit the website at www.co.dane.wi.us/parks/parkhome.htm

Dane County Parks Proposed 2006 Fee Increases

Shelter Fee ~ 2004 Shelter Revenues \$41,000
 ~ 650 Shelters at \$63.00/day
 ~ Fee increase 2003 was \$10 as a Reservation fee

	<u>Group Size</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Weekday	1-100 People	\$ 53.00	\$12.00	\$ 65.00
	101-200 People	\$ 83.00	\$12.00	\$ 95.00
	201- 300 People	\$113.00	\$12.00	\$125.00
Weekend	1-100 People	\$ 63.00	\$12.00	\$ 75.00
	101-200 People	\$ 95.00	\$12.00	\$107.00
	201- 300 People	\$126.00	\$12.00	\$138.00*

**Correction - was \$135.00*

Estimated Increase In Revenue is \$8,000

Camping ~ 2004 Camping Revenue \$153,000
 ~ Approximately 7,650 Camper Nights
 ~ Fee increase 2004 was \$3.00 Elect. and \$2.00 Non-Elect.

<u>Sites</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Non-Electric	\$14.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
Electric	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$22.00
Adult Group Camp	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$50.00

Estimated Increase in Revenue \$15,300

Lake Access ~ 2004 Lake Access Revenue \$95,000
 ~ Fee increase 2004 daily increased from \$5.00 to \$6.00
 ~ Estimated yearly maintenance cost \$142,000

<u>Permits</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Dane Resident Annual	\$20.00	\$ 5.00	\$25.00
Out of County Annual	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$45.00
Dane Resident (Senior)	\$10.00	\$ 5.00	\$15.00
Disabled	\$10.00	\$ 0	\$10.00
Second Vehicle/Replacement	\$10.00	\$ 0	\$10.00

Estimated Increase in Revenue \$20,000
Proposed 2006 Fee Increases - Continued

Firewood (Rack of Wood)	~ 2004 Revenues \$5,000		
	~ Fee Increase in 2005 from \$3.00 to \$4.00		
		<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	\$4.00	\$1.00	\$5.00

Estimated Increase in Revenue \$1,200

Vending	~ 2004 Revenue \$80.00		
	~ Fee Established in 2004		
		<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>
	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$60.00

Estimated Increase in Revenue \$100.00

Archery- Park Access Permit	~ New for 2006		
	~ Permit will help offset administration costs		
			<u>Proposed Fee</u>
			\$10.00

Estimated Increase in Revenue \$700.00

Disc Golf	~ Proposed elimination of half-day Course rental			
	~ Restrict Course Rental to Sanctioned Tournaments (Max. 6 days)			
	~ Increase Fee for Course Rental from \$120 to \$150			
		<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
		\$120	\$30	\$150.00

Estimated Increase in Revenue – None

Total Estimated Revenue \$40,000-45,000 (Based on Current use figures)