

TOWN OF WESTPORT
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING
Kennedy Administration Building
Community Meeting Room
5387 Mary Lake Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

MINUTES – August 6, 2014 at 5:30p.m.

Members Present: Sheldon Schall, Mick Holm, Fran Bridge, Terry Enge.

Members Absent: Mark Trotter

Others Present: Jim Stephenson, Brad Robinson, Peter Block

Minutes of April, June & July were approved by a motion Schall, 2nd Holm. May minutes were not included but for the record every member of the park committee was present for the May meeting.

Jim Stephenson gave an update on Jackson landing. The remainder of the grant money is being used for the newly constructed shelter west of the willows parking lot. He had inmates with supervision work on the shelter. He hopes that it will become an informative area for the Jackson site, and may include nature programs. Jim Hopes we can provide a picnic table or two for the area. Jim mentioned the fire department will burn the west prairie hopefully by fall and if not early spring. The Canary grass is a problem and he would also like to reseed with grasses and wildflowers. He believes we need to add stone to some areas of the boardwalk where it meets the lime stone trail as there are gaps showing.

The two remaining tennis courts have been painted and chains added to lower the nets to now function as pickleball courts. There is a good turnout of players on Tuesday nights and Mick Holm would like it to be known how appreciative he is to the Town for the additional courts.

Sheldon mentioned that he would like signage, similar to what the Village has, about picking up after your pets to be posted on our trails.

Also Terry mentioned that he walked in the creek in the heavily wooded area from Pete Simons house to behind Borchards farm and that this area of the creek is sealed shut with a number of downed trees in the water. He estimated it would take a crew about 100 hours to open that area up again and with a number in the 100's of potential other trees along the banks that someday may end up in the creek it would appear keeping that area open would be a lost cause. We wanted to thank the maintenance staff over the years with their tractors and chains helping clear this area. On a better note though, coming from the Hwy M bridge off the lake the area is still open in the savannah for quite a while up until the Borchards farm as mentioned.

Peter Block spoke as a new member of the Historic preservation committee replacing Marty Timmons. He would like to add the Military trail to our park trail maps. As we know there currently is no military trail but at one time it existed from Blue Mounds to Portage and entered the south and continued north through the Town. We would like to have General Engineering add the military trail along with our trails onto the Town of Westport website. I spoke with Tom Wilson and he said this would be easy to accomplish. Peter thought along with the overlay a section on the website could

talk about the history of the military trail. We could also add this to our kiosk on our park shelter and possibly in Governor Nelson state park and if Don Tierney would be interested to display in the Blue Ridge area where the trail traveled as well.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 with a motion from Holm, 2nd Schall.

Town of Westport park committee meeting minutes respectfully submitted by, Terry Enge.