

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

MINUTES – April 2, 2014 5:30p.m.

1. Call to order at 5:30 pm

Members Present: Sheldon Schall, Terry Enge, and Fran Bridge

Members Absent: Mick Holm and Mark Trotter

Also Present: Julie Trotter (filling in for Mark Trotter), Mitch Soetenga, Ryan & Courtney Woods, Michelle Wing, Katy McGanley, Vinnie Thousand, and Nina Thousand

2. Approve Minutes

3. Public Comment on Matters Not On the Agenda

4. Mary Lake Park Play Equipment Discussion/Recommendation

- Concern regarding health hazard of existing equipment; splinters, treated lumber. No budget to replace park equipment due to other projects which are in the works.
- Discussion on existing park equipment: will have woodpecker holes filled and budget to replace wood equipment in approximately five years.
- Terry Enge mentioned there is 3-5 thousand dollars available for purchasing some pieces for pre-school age children. Neighbors were not interested in having pre-school play equipment purchased. They were more concerned with having the swing set replaced.
- Is it possible to replace just the swing set in the next year or two?
- Should the committee wait to buy equipment and use that money to put toward nicer park equipment at a later date?
- Mitch Soetenga talked with Tom Wilson two years ago. He was concerned that time has passed and still no park equipment has been replaced.
- Mitch Soetenga is interested in having the town board commit to setting aside money for park equipment replacement-he will ask to be put on the agenda at next Mondays meeting.
- Terry Enge stated that this meeting will begin the budgeting cycle for new equipment.
- One neighbor asked if the neighbors could look for grants for park equipment. A committee member noted that Tom Wilson looks for grants.
- Mary Lake Park Play Equipment will be discussed further at next month's meeting

Neighbors left park committee meeting; only park committee representative remain.

5. Westshire conservancy/Jackson's Landing Park Improvements Status/Update

- Fran mentioned she noted a lot of people snow-shoeing, walking this winter.
- Fran mentioned one man fell (and possibly got tangled up in tall grasses this Spring by boardwalk); man's wife called EMS to locate him.

- Fran is concerned with tall grasses at boardwalk and slippery leaves on boardwalk and is trying to remove this herself. I suggest our maintenance people find some way to upkeep this pedestrian walkway.
- Last fall a bike, sleeping bag, etc. was secured to the post at the small shelter with the park bench-potential homeless camping at site.

6. Park/Trail Maintenance and Development Discussion/Recommendation

- Westport website does not state exactly where the bicycle path will be located. How will those using the bicycle/walking path cross into Governor Nelson State Park?
- Sheldon wants feedback of how people are responding to the website. How do Westport residents feel about the bicycling or walking path?

7. No Miscellaneous Business/Forthcoming Events

8. Adjourn at 6:30 pm

Town of Westport park committee meeting minutes respectfully submitted by, Julie Trotter.