

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

MINUTES – June 4, 2014 5:30p.m.

Attendance:

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

Members Absent: Mark Trotter

The Mary Lake Park equipment survey was discussed. All had a chance to review the survey. Was informed a piece of equipment was ordered and will be installed. We will wait until next year to discuss additional play equipment for the future. No public concerned with the equipment were in attendance. On another note Sheldon had mentioned possibly breaking up the sand at the Town center play area as it is becoming more like concrete or possibly adding more sand. We agreed as the young kids seem to enjoy playing in the sand more than playing on the equipment.

Most of us had a chance to view the pickle ball court and Mick said the weights are working as to the height of the net for playing. He mentioned that Roberta Bauman from the Tribune would like to run a story on the new court and Mick is going to print a notice in the Tribune for a get together including the park committee members and any public that wish to attend to explain in more detail about the sport of Pickleball. Possibly Wednesday evening June 18th at 7pm at the court site.

Fran mentioned she met with the new manager at Westshire (Susan) about the Jackson Landing trails and one resident cannot get around the chained access area because of her walker. It was explained to Fran there are 5 access areas to Jackson Landing and 3 of them are without chains and have a lime stone base for easy access. She felt that the resident probably does not go far and her main access is the chained access area. Not sure if Tim would like to make a bigger flatter area around the chain for the resident to use. Fran said a lot of people with walkers and canes use the area. (Cool)

Sheldon mentioned he sent Tom Wilson an email about talking with kayakers at the creek area some weeks ago and them mentioning many stumps in the creek. Sheldon had said that Tom was going to notify Jim Stephenson. Sheldon also told Terry some weeks ago about the stumps and Terry had said to him that he would take care of it. Since then Terry has gone into the creek and removed the stumps and cut back some tree branches and the creek is very easily accessed at this point.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm to continue with the South Yahara trail walk starting at Murphy's on 113.

Mick, Sheldon and Terry walked the trail south of Murphy's that Terry Enge has been creating over the years to connect with the South Cherokee Marsh trails maintained by Dane County Parks. The new trail leads to a pond surrounded by hickory and oak and other trees too many to be mentioned and inhabited by sand hill cranes and deer and other forest creatures too many to be mentioned. It follows south along the Yahara River and ends with the linkage of the Cherokee trails at a look out point over looking the expansive Yahara River. This view is represented on the cover of the Westport trails brochure. Mick had to get going to the Mallards game otherwise coming back it would have been nice to have shared some cold ones at Murphy's after the hike.

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