

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

Kennedy Administration Building
Community Meeting Room
5387 Mary Lake Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

MINUTES – November 4, 2015 at 5:30p.m.

Members present: Sheldon Schall, Dave O'Malley, Mark Trotter, Terry Enge

Absent: Mick Holm

Also in attendance: Brad Robinson

No public comment on matters not on agenda

October meeting minutes approved by Schall, 2nd O'Malley

Mary Lake improvements discussion. The committee felt that the outline that Tom Wilson put together was a good start to having conversations about improvements to the Mary Lake area.

As the neighborhood is more than 50 years old as to the first houses being built some updates need to be made as roads, signs, posts, poles need to be replaced. And as to replacing posts and poles some standard should be enforced to consistency. The committee felt when replacing street signs a larger street sign would have more benefit if a website wanted to be added or additional information was called for. As to playground signs closer to roadways the committee felt they were at proper locations presently. And the consideration of lighted intersections except for major highways was not recommended.

The committee questioned the survey sheet as to how it applies to the park committee. It appears it will be sent to Mary Lake residents for their input. It also correlated with what was discussed above for Mary Lake and had already been discussed.

The plan commission motion for an honorary Terry Enge trail was discussed. Enge mentioned many people have worked hard in adding trails to the Westport park system. People like Jim Stephenson, Mr. Treadwell, the town maintenance staff, the JPC and other government entities.

Enge said in the interest of moving forward it would be fine with him if a section of the northern upper yahara trail that Enge has worked on over the years to connect to the end of Tuggle Road had a sign that said "Terry's Trail" where it branched to the connection he installed would be fine. The committee also was fine with that idea. Dane county parks would need to approve the signage the committee felt.

General park trail maintenance was discussed. Enge noted that Tom Bunbury had hired a crew to clean up invasive species along the trail through Carriage Ridge. The Crew also removed the undergrowth and cleared the area of the recent carriage ridge park dedication land at the oxbow of six mile creek. Schall mentioned and the committee agreed that a notice could

possibly go along with the tax notices biannually as to residents interest in legacy benches or monuments in the Westport parks commemorating a loved one. The public may wish to purchase a bench or plaque in stone to be placed on a Westport park trail or in a Westport park.

In so doing the board may wish to have a policy in place as to a type of structure that meets a certain standard of quality and uniformity.

Meeting adjourned 6:24pm on a motion Trotter, 2nd O'Malley.

Minutes provided by Terry Enge