

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

MINUTES – March 2, 2016 at 5:30p.m.

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

Absent: Mick Holm, Sheldon Schall

Also in attendance: John Van Dinter

No public comment on matters not on agenda

January meeting minutes approved by O'Malley, 2nd Trotter

Discussion of O'Malley property incorporated into Town and Village comprehensive plan. In theory the Committee liked the plan of incorporating this property into the park system as open space. There are some questions about how the project would be funded and what the Town's ultimate share of the costs would be. There were also questions regarding the hiking trail that as shown appears to go through existing homes in the developed residential area. The committee had questions regarding access to Six Mile Creek for paddling. Motion to move forward on the resolution and recommend that the Town and Village Boards accept the 75 acres of land as park and open space in the new comprehensive plan so as to apply for grants to help fund the purchase. Motion by Trotter, 2nd Enge, and O'Malley abstaining was approved.

Other items under miscellaneous:

The committee was shown a map from Dane County Parks as to the upper Yahara River and their work this summer on creating 2 parking lots on each end of the upper Yahara Trail. They also will do a better job of signing and maintaining the trail system with the addition of 240 feet of new boardwalk off of Tuggle Road by next winter.

Trotter informed the Committee of the next steps of the steering committee meetings. The Park Committee will be working along with MSA at future meetings in creating a new outdoor recreation plan to be adopted into the updated comprehensive plan.

Meeting adjourned 6:14 pm on a motion from Trotter, 2nd O'Malley

Minutes provided by Terry Enge