

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

MINUTES – May 2, 2018 at 5:30 PM

Present: Sheldon Schall, Mick Holm, Michelle Wing, Terry Enge

Absent: David O'Malley

Mark Trotter gave notice he can no longer serve as of time commitments.

Also in attendance: Gary Herzberg former village and park trustee

October 2017 Park minutes approved on a motion Wing, 2nd Schall

Discussion of a friends group established for the town of Westport. Gary Herzberg gave as an example friends of Pheasant Branch or friends of Schumacher Park that have many members. One way to establish a friendship group is through creating a website i.e. friends of six mile creek. Establish annual dues to help alleviate costs if materials or repair are needed for projects. Mick remarked on belonging to friends of holy wisdom where the website will broach ongoing projects and dates for sign-up for volunteering. Approach schools, churches, police reports of those that need to provide community service. Check with dept of corrections for inmates on work release.

Enge mentioned a friends group would be beneficial for some projects that do not fall under maintenance staff work load. One project is reroute the DNR trail of some 40 yards onto higher ground eliminating an often wet trail area. Another project involves cleaning up the Mill road historic area containing artifacts of the old mill and erecting a historical marker on the site. Capitol water trails was in need of volunteers and may be out again this summer for six mile creek cleanup.

Discussed the role of town maintenance staff as to parks. Quarterly reports are provided to the town as to park maintenance.

Committee reviewed the corp plan for Westport parks. Noticed that priorities marked with 1's are now 2 years old and wondering when they may be finished. Examples Christina still with out a sandbox. Suggestion to contact Christina neighbors if materials were provided would they consider constructing. Also add trees to the park as all of the existing trees are Ash and could be removed and no other trees in park. Mary lake park priority was resurfacing basketball court. Town should get estimates for new surface. A new sandbox for Mary lake park as the existing one is showing signs of age. Schall mentioned H.S. industrial arts students built the existing sandbox some 25 years ago. Town center sand area redo. Additional playground equipment or add some natural climbing structures such as boulders. Contact Miller and associates for a free consult for this area. Curious if Jim Stephenson is still working with town as to improvements to Jackson Landing.

It was mentioned that neither Schall or Holm, possibly O'Malley did not receive notice of park meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:40 motion Schall, 2nd Holm