

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

**MINUTES** – June 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mick Holm, David O'Malley, Sheldon Schall, Michelle Wing, Terry Enge

May minutes approved Schall 2<sup>nd</sup> Holm

There was discussion last meeting involving setting up a friends group for the westport area for volunteering of park maintenance. A 501C3 is one way of establishing a friends group for a nonprofit association. This would involve a cost startup and future dues payments. Another way is to have a home page link for volunteering. It will be an ongoing discussion.

The Town maintenance supervisor sends quarterly reports via email regarding utilities, highways and parks. The committee members would also like to be included in these quarterly emails.

The committee looked again at the CORP priorities as the concerns were being addressed. 2 sandboxes have been ordered for Christina Park and Marylake park. The committee questioned why they were not informed as to choosing sandboxes as they have been involved previously in the choosing of park equipment for replacement. The new sandboxes are square and plastic in nature. The committee hopes the construction allows seating everywhere on the top rail as the one being replaced provided. The mulch in Christina park is being removed as it has broken down into dirt and weeds are showing through. The area will be filled in and covered with a thinner layer of mulch. No trees will be added to the park at this time but the Ash trees in the park are being treated annually for emerald ash borer.

Resurfacing the Marylake basketball court is a priority and the town will receive bids for resurfacing. One of the outgoing committee members mentioned looking into the sport court idea for a surface and to inquire on its costs and longevity.

Wilson had mentioned to the board that permits have been received for the stabilization of the six mile creek bank. The committee recommended that the rock pile on the DNR property is considered if accepted for the stabilization which would save a lot of money in materials.

It was discussed last meeting of working with the HPC on identifying historical areas in the

township. The staff sent turn of the century pictures of the original mill on mill road and the remnant remains seem part of the old smokestack. Cleaning up the area and addressing the old mill would seem to be a nice addition to the parks and HPC.

Wing attended the workshop offered by archeologist Bob Birmingham where they visited the highlands of Bishops Bay development and discovered 3 effigy mounds. Before construction of trails and park uses of these areas that HPC and the parks get a chance to sign off of any improvements that may disturb these ancient ancestral mounds. Mr. Birmingham had used Lidar laser satellite pictures to confirm the existence of the mounds and then proceeded to identify them through the workshop. The workshop included visiting Borchers Beach area and Holy Wisdom.

Enge reported constructing a new 40 yards of trail on the DNR property where we have trail agreements. He moved the trail from a wet area that never dried out to higher ground. Also added weed control to the picturesque trail section that includes the six mile creek to maintain the open park space.

Meeting adjourned 6:15pm motion O'Malley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schall

Minutes provided by chair Enge.