

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

MINUTES – September 5, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Mick Holm, Dave O’Malley, Sheldon Schall, Michelle Wing

Absent: Terry Enge

Also in Attendance: Amy Freidig

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Amy Freidig was present at the meeting to express her interest in joining the park committee. She is a Mary Lake resident, has done graduate studies in horticulture, and currently works with the UW Extension’s Master Gardener program. She has a particular interest in trees and longterm planning for climate change, as well as an interest in nature play. The committee was unanimously in favor of recommending she join the committee to fill the vacancy left by Trotter or to add an additional member if there is no vacancy. The committee feels she would contribute valuable expertise and different perspective both in the community parks and the conservancy and trail areas.

May meeting minutes were approved by a motion from Schall, 2nd by O’Malley. The committee still has not received the June meeting minutes.

General Park/Trail Maintenance and Development Discussion/Recommendations

- Mary Lake basketball court cracks were filled and resurfaced. Lines have not yet been painted, as the surface is probably still in the curing stage. Sections of the bike path on Woodland were also resurfaced.
- Christina Park sandbox is in. The sandbox is nice and large and makes the park more accessible for younger children. It would be nice to have a tree on the west side of the park to provide afternoon shade for the sandbox and for the rest of the park. Maintenance staff has also reseeded grass in the bare, muddy spots.
- Discussion moved to the impact of recent rain and storms on trails and parks.
 - Trails are under water due to storms. Schall suggested recent flooding may have caused more erosion on the area that needs riprap by the bridge in the DNR land.

- Six Mile Creek water trail from Woodland to Hwy M was cleared by Capitol Water Trails and volunteers, but Holm and O'Malley suggested that recent storms may have caused new trees to fall in and block the creek for water travel.
- At Mary Lake Park the maple next to the swings was heavily trimmed in July. During the 9/2/2018 storm it suffered a heavy loss of branches, especially on the side most heavily trimmed. Committee members wondered if the trimming weakened the tree. Freidig asked if the trimming had been done by a certified arborist.
- The committee wonders if Jackson Landing has sustained any storm damage, but no one has had a chance to go over there to check.

Miscellaneous Business/Forthcoming Events

None.

Motion to adjourn given by Holm, 2nd by O'Malley. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.