

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

**MINUTES** – June 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m., walking meeting held at the DNR trails off Woodland Drive

Present: Terry Enge, Amy Freidig, Mick Holm, Dave O'Malley, Michelle Wing

May Minutes approved by a motion from Holm, 2nd Freidig.

This meeting was a tour of the trails the town maintains through the DNR Six Mile Creek Fishery. A parking lot was added by the town when the Woodland Dr. bike path was added and has seen much use. The trails through the prairie are frequented by dog walkers and other hikers. They connect through woods next to Six Mile Creek and to Highway M, where a hiker can cross to Gov. Nelson State Park. The trails also connect the town center to the Carriage Ridge subdivision, which in turn connects to Village of Waunakee neighborhoods. Hunting is permitted in season by the DNR.

**Riprap Work:** The committee surveyed the trail connection to the Six Mile Creek bridge and Carriage Ridge that was shored up with limestone rock. This area has been prone to serious erosion and was at risk of being washed completely away. Spring flooding likely would have destroyed the trail without the riprap in place over the winter. The trail in this section is still dirt that turns into mud after rain. Tom Wilson informed Enge the construction company would be returning for landscaping. What will this landscaping look like? When will this be happening?

**Signage:** For immediate change: move sign at beginning of Governor Nelson trail forward to access road path so it can be seen (currently several yards off road and obscured by bushes).

Future signage changes that need more discussion: remove signs marked Bolz Conservancy and replace with signs marked to Carriage Ridge or to Village of Waunakee. Possibly include mileage information. Have signs with arrows pointing to fishery or town center at exit from woodland area. Current signs are confusing.

**Trail Improvement Needs:** There was discussion on appropriate ways to maintain these trails and combat overgrowth around trail areas and about what is allowed on DNR land. The DNR permits us to have these trails and we do not want to lose this resource. The DNR has other considerations for this land, such as wildlife and hunters.

Trail to Governor Nelson has sections that have eroded. Add a small wooden bridge as elsewhere on path or fill in berm somehow? O'Malley warned that this is a DNR wetland area that you can't fill in. Trail follows existing berm that appears to be manmade.

Trail easement across Carriage Ridge property needs work on both the north and south ends of the trail. Contacting Mr. Bunbury explaining the need for trail repair would be in the parks best interest.

**Jackson Landing:** Dane County recently announced grants to repair trails and parks damaged in 2018 flooding. Is there any damage to boardwalks that would be eligible for funds?

**Parks Promotion:** Freidig informed committee that any occasional park or trail pictures we want posted on the town's Facebook page can be sent to the office. Include picture and text.

**Next Meeting:** No meeting will be held in July. Next meeting will be **August 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** Time change is to make it easier for members to attend due to traffic on M and other considerations. The committee will meet at the town hall and carpool over to Mill Rd. to see the old mill site on park lands off Six Mile Creek that we share with Waunakee. Enge suggests this site would be appropriate for a historical marker and has discussed it with Waunakee parks people who agree. Wing will inform Historic Preservation members of meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. on motion from O'Malley. Second from Enge.

Minutes submitted by Michelle Wing.