

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

MINUTES – September 4, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Present: Terry Enge, Amy Freidig, Michelle Wing

Absent: Mick Holm, Dave O'Malley

August minutes approved by a motion from Freidig, 2nd Wing.

DNR Trails: Low area near gate entrance has been filled in. Cole did a great job with brush mower on Gov. Nelson/Trail to Hwy M. Committee thought the company that did the riprap was going to return to landscape reinforced area, but it wasn't ever seeded with grass. Instead all kind of unplanned growth has come up in trail area. Freidig had a neighbor speak favorably of the reinforcement of the trail.

It would be nice to have a bike rack in the parking area so people can use the bike trail and then hike in the DNR land. Tom Wilson once mentioned a company in Waunakee that might manufacture and donate a bike rack. We'd like to look into that possibility.

Park Tree Plan: Freidig has begun developing a plan for new trees in Christina and Mary Lake parks. Park committee would like to work with Barry over the winter (meet in November, during his work day?) to make a plan for spring planting and future planting. We would like to have input on species planted and how they are planted, with Freidig as the point person. She will contact the Middleton forestry dept. for guidance in what they are putting in their parks. Catalpa is one tree option.

Christina needs min. of 2 new trees to provide shade for play area and sandbox and would like to see more. Keep ashes as long as is safely possible and stagger their removal.

Mary Lake needs shade for the picnic table and benches. Committee discussed how much open grass area is at the park that's not currently being used. It provides a lot of nice field space and use will change over time. Is there a way to make park more appealing for older kids' use?

Town Center Park: Shelter seems underutilized. We need to continue to look at how changes could be made over time to make this area more used in terms of shade and play offerings.

Old Mill Site: Wing will be reporting to HPC at their next meeting about Mill site visit and is looking into history sources. The library likely has photos of the mill digitized.

Next Meeting: Enge will be absent in October, so unless there is pressing business, we will cancel the Oct. meeting due to possible lack of quorum and meet again in November.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion from Wing. 2nd Freidig.