

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

MINUTES - August 5, 2009 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 5:36 p.m.

Members present: Bridge, Enge, Holm, Schall, Sipsma
Members absent: None

Others present: Jim Stephenson, Brad Robinson

2. Approve Minutes

No minutes were presented for approval.

3. Public Comments On Matters Not On the Agenda

Brad Robinson commented in response to Enge's questions on the Middleton/Westport JZC's position on the trail linkage across Oncken Road and through the proposed addition to Bishop's Bay. Robinson indicated the JZC is aware of the linkage coordination issue and will be continuing to plan accordingly as the development moves forward.

4. Park/Trail Maintenance and Development Discussion/Recommendations

Jim Stephenson, Jackson Landing Project Manager, appeared to discuss the status of the site. Stephenson reported on the clearing done by Hooper employees. Stephenson reported that the Hooper employees who cleared the area did so as a side job with Hooper consent. Apparently the bill of \$1,000 for their services has been presented but there has been a delay in payment by the Town. The Committee strongly recommended the bill be paid immediately and without further delay.

Stephenson reported the cleared site will be sprayed by Hooper after the broadleaf grasses return and then it will be planted with blue stem grass and other appropriate flora. Stephenson will be working with Dane County Parks and others to obtain and plant the appropriate seedlings.

Stephenson reported the 10 boardwalk sections have been built and will be installed on August 20 and 21 by prisoner trustees. Penny Klein from the City of Middleton arranged for the use of the trustees.

Stephenson also presented a written Jackson Landing Update to the Committee. The Committee strongly recommended any additional funds needed for the additional planned boardwalk sections be approved and disbursed for this purpose this year as the cost is now quite low and the trustees may be available for the installation work.

Stephenson reported he has audio tapes of Robert Jackson describing the history of the area that still need to be reviewed. He also reported the blue mower is working very well for trail cutting and maintenance.

Bridge reported some Westshire residents were confused by the clearing done at the site in that it was difficult to find the trail connections across the clearing. Stephenson indicated he would put up some additional signage.

Enge reported the boards for trail information have been installed at the Park Shelter. He will be coordinating maps and photographs for installation on the boards.

Schall reported certain trails on or near the DNR property required mowing. Additional mowing could also be done on the trails near the Willows.

5. Miscellaneous Business/Forthcoming Events

Sipsma reported on the article of today's date in the Wisconsin State Journal concerning the proposed paving of certain trails at the Pheasant Branch Conservatory. The Committee had a brief discussion on the article and issues.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Administration Building.

6. Adjournment at 6:23 p.m. by unanimous vote.

Reported by:

Kenneth R. Sipsma
Acting Secretary