

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

Kennedy Administration Building
Community Meeting Room
5387 Mary Lake Road
Waunakee, WI 53597

Minutes - April 7, 2021

Present: Terry Enge, Amy Freidig, Michelle Wing, Mick Holm

Absent: Dave O'malley

Also present: Debbie Miller

March 2020 minutes were approved on a motion by Wing, 2nd by Holm with correction, also absent March 2020 was Dave O'malley.

Tree Planting Topic: 4 trees were planted at Mark Lake Park and 3 at Christina Park last fall - Ginko, Hackberry and White Oak. The committee is pursuing the idea of planting shade trees near the Town Center park shelter offering more shade for that area. It would require opening up some areas of concrete to the soil below. Also contacting forestry professionals on streetscapes. On this topic committee questioned when the County would need an updated CORP.

Enge emphasized the natural areas in Westport that support over 100 miles of trails and they are Governor Nelson State Park, Holy Wisdom and Lost Lake and Prairie, Jackson Landing, DNR off Woodland and to Carriage Ridge trails, North Yahara River, Yahara Heights Dog Park, South Yahara trail connection to Cherokee Marsh trails, Castle Creek Conservancy, Dane County park land from Mill Road to Steeplechase, Sixmile Creek water trail, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Schumacher Farm Park, Bishops Bay viewshed, Empire Prairies, Drumlin, Bong Road, Cherokee Fishery River Road and Dorn Creek Trails.

On that topic, Jim Stephenson's work in Jackson Landing new interpretive signs and aerial view signs. Castle Creek Conservancy working on continuing trail to Mill Road connection. Capitol Water Trails will be working on Sixmile Creek in May, Dane County park land.

Recommendations for new sign committee, adding new ariel view signs to the DNR trail system. Also installing sign of old mill history near smokestack remains on Mill Road.

Recommendations HPC possible marker near lone silo Bishops Bay viewshed of original Tierney homestead, one of the first settlers to Westport. Also a possible marker near lone silo of Bong Road homestead which sits close to the school on Arboretum Drive.

On that note and in same area is the Montondon trail system from Hogan Road heading south to Kennedy Land, Kennedy Road, and Mary Lake Neighborhood. Continue conversations with the Kennedy family as to supporting a trail across their land.

Meeting adjourned 6:42 p.m. on a motion Freidig, 2nd Holm

Next Park Committee meeting will be May 5, 2021