

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

MINUTES – January 6, 2016 at 5:30p.m.

Members present: Mick Holm, Sheldon Schall, Dave O'Malley, Mark Trotter and Terry Enge

Absent: None

Also in attendance: None

No public comment on matters not on agenda

December meeting minutes approved by O'Malley, 2nd Trotter

The Park Committee met to review and discuss the updating of the comprehensive recreation plan for the Town of Westport. There have been many changes to the previous plan. Parks have been added including neighborhood and conservancy parks. There have been additions of recreation trails including paved bike paths as well as hiking and off road biking trails. There is also potential for future park space. In addition, it should be noted that the Village of Waunakee and the Town of Westport share some recreational space. The recommendation for changes are included on a separate page attached hereto for use when meeting and working with MSA services in preparing and updating the comprehensive recreational plan.

Additionally the Park Committee would like to see the Town's website updated. This would make the process easier for Town residents to become more involved and promote the recreational aspects of our Town. It would be beneficial to invite other entities that promote volunteering such as Capital Water Trails, Friends of Pheasant Branch, etc. We also recommend updating the trail legend and adding pictures of the outdoor areas as well as creating a recreation map that would identify where people could kayak, hike, bike, fish, hunt, swim, picnic, cross country ski, sled downhill and walk uplands.

The Park Committee also feels the Town needs to prioritize future projects to their completion.

One example would be creating a way for bike commuters to safely travel from Pheasant Branch in Middleton to the Westport Town center. Another example would be completing the regional trails that link parks and open space and to remove future park systems that are not in accordance with today's plans.

Work with other committees and the consultant for the Village and Township must continue to complete the comprehensive recreation plan.

Meeting adjourned 6:30 pm on a motion from Schall, 2nd Holm

Minutes provided by Terry Enge

The following are recommendations discussed at the 1/6/16 Park Committee meeting that the Committee wishes to be considered in going forward with MSA consultants when updating the Town of Westport comprehensive recreation plan.

- * Add playgrounds to transitioning neighborhoods
- * Note additional park space available on Town land incorporating the Willows Restaurant play fields and agriculture lands
- * Dane County land referred to as "Saddlebrook" to be included in conservancy park additions
- * DNR land west of Woodland Drive to be included in conservancy park additions
- * Potential regional trail completion of Kennedy trails to west River Road off Montadon trail
- * Potential looping trail from Town center by acquiring Harbort easement including State Park Land to Kupfer Road to Town Center
- * Potential regional trail completion of Arboretum trail, Six Mile Creek to Mill Road
- * Potential regional trail completion fo Blue Ridge trail across Reis and Hellenbrand land to Hwy K
- * Remove potential trails that may not be a high priority for completion: Bong Road trail system, River Road trail system
- * Policy in place that meets certain standards for legacy benches, stones, monuments
- * Trails to be adopted into the Village that are shared by the Town of Wesport, example: Montadon trail
- * New Whitehouse ownership and granting a trail easement for Mary Lake residents' access
- * Future school site on Woodland Drive in conjunction with Dane County park land for future school projects and pilot programs
- * General Engineering to add photos to trail maps
- * Updating the hiking, paved biking, and water trails maps
- * Additions of neighborhood parks and trails in Carriage Ridge and Bishops Bay
- *Future mini park on Wakanda Drive with beautiful oak and possible donation of land by owner

