TOWN OF WESTPORT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Minutes — April 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Terry Enge, Amy Freidig, Michelle Wing, Ben Buss, Deana Loewenhagen. Absent: Mick Holm, Dave O'Malley. Also Present: Jim Stephenson, Dean Grosskopf, Lynn Persson

November minutes approved by a motion from Wing, 2nd Freidig. Two new members have been added to the parks committee: Ben Buss and Deana Loewenhagen. This was Terry Enge's final meeting.

Jackson Landing:

- Stephenson presented on Jackson Landing and noticed its increased usage in recent years. Rick Meyer and others have been actively removing buckthorn throughout. Toe rails on the boardwalk were installed. Stephenson's fall newsletter was sent to the committee, he has 126 subscribers on his email list.
- Residents of Westshire are making a contribution of \$750 to the town for Jackson Landing. They would like the money to be used for more benches.
- A community grant application has been made for tools (pruning shears, chainsaws). Stephenson noted it would be nice to have a shed to store tools onsite.
- Waunakee Fire Dept. is scheduled to burn the prairie April 18.
- Freidig asked that the maintenance procedures for JL (such as invasives policy and treatment) be written down so that we have a record.
- Stephenson noted renewed efforts to form a friends' group for JL.
- Enge complimented aerial map signs for JL and would like to see those for other town trails, such as DNR trails on Woodland Dr.
- Wing requested Stephenson's input for CORP update for improvements at Jackson Landing.

Town Center Park:

- Freidig reported on options to purchase new tables with umbrellas. Cost would be ~\$1000 for table, \$500 for umbrellas (wind resistance 50 mph). There's concern about the durability of umbrellas.
- Another option is a permanent structure, such as a cantilever shade mounted in sand area but provided shade for concrete area in front of shelter. Existing picnic tables could be used. Cost is ~\$6000, wind resistance ~his 90-100mph.
- Committee will discuss options again next month with intention of presenting both options to Plan Commission in May.

General Park: CORP update will be done in conjunction with Waunakee this year, with professional assistance.

Recognition for Terry Enge: Motion by Wing to recognize Terry Enge's incredible contribution to trails and parks in Westport and the surrounding community over his decades of service on the Town Board and Parks Committee. He has left a significant legacy and will be missed. 2nd by Freidig, unanimous approval.

Adjourned 7:10 p.m. Motion from Wing, 2nd Freidig.