TOWN OF WESTPORT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING Kennedy Administration Building

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

<u>MINUTES</u> – June 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Michelle Wing, Sheldon Schall, Terry Enge Absent: David O'Malley, Mick Holm Also attending: Amy Freidig

Minutes of June and September 2018 meetings were approved on motions Wing and 2nd by Schall.

The park committee is in agreement as to having Amy Freidig considered for the Park Committee as positions become available.

Schall mentioned and noted by other committee members the erosion in Carriage Ridge on the off road trail path leading to the horse exercise area. The wet summer rains has caused damage to the trail. It's possible the Town could help in rebuilding parts of the trail with Bunbury permission. Possibly the Bunbury's would be willing to fix the trail themselves. Also by the bridge in this area over the six mile creek lies another low wet area for rebuild. It should be noted that contacting Mr. Bunbury about our concerns would be advisable.

It was mentioned during the meeting to compost around the trees the Town has in it's Parks would be to allow the roots to be exposed for the health of the trees.

The boardwalk in Jackson Landing since the heavy rains has caused the boardwalk on the southwest end to buckle some and needs to be repaired. The Committee wished to know how much involvement Jim Stephenson still has with Jackson Landing. Do we need to contact him about the repairs? Is the prairie still being maintained yearly? Who does it?

Also, a bench along the boardwalk was damaged and removed. There are 3 benches in a crowded area on the western boardwalk overlook and maybe one could replace the damaged bench.

As the Town grows, new additions and new parks I.e. Bishops Bay there will come a day when the Town hires more maintenance staff to do the heavy work load. The Park Committee agrees that more duties need to be added concerning parks. A new hire should have experience when dealing with park issues as mentioned above. Prairie maintenance, arborist experience, pesticide usage, trail and boardwalk maintenance, etc. The committee recommends working towards these goals when hiring new personnel.

Meeting adjourned 6:25pm motion Schall, 2nd Wing