

**TOWN OF WESTPORT
PARK COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

Minutes— July 6, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Amy Freidig, Michelle Wing, Ben Buss, Deana Loewenhagen

Absent: Mick Holm, Dave O'Malley

Meeting called to order 6:01 p.m.

June minutes approved by a motion from Loewenhagen, 2nd Wing.

CORP: Members gave a brief summary of their individual park assessments, which will be collated and discussed in more detail at the August meeting.

Town Center Park: Wing discussed some options for equipment that could be added to the sand area, maintaining the existing "Rock-It" climber in the middle. Members want to include at least one spinning/motion element, as the Comet spinner at Mary Lake is very popular. The space limits what can be included. Wing will reach out to town staff to set up a meeting with Lee Recreation, the rep. for BCI Burke.

- Buss suggested a group game element would be nice at the park for kids waiting between soccer games, such as Nine Square in the Air. Painting four square lines on the concrete was another option.
- Loewenhagen suggested an electric car charging station would be a good addition to the parking lot. Members agreed it would reflect Westport's environmental commitment and there are likely grants available.
- Members noted that the water fountain is shut down. Is this still a COVID precaution? A water bottle filling station should be added.

Tree Plan: New trees have been planted at several parks, including replacements for dead 2021 planting Mary Lake trees.

Proposed Kennedy Dr. Development: Brief discussion of the proposed Kennedy Drive development that was introduced at the June Plan Commission meeting. The plans do not include any playground area, and the committee has concerns that the distance of the proposed houses will be too far from existing playgrounds (Mary Lake or Town Center). Another concern is walking safety on Kennedy Drive and the viability of mown paths in a wetland area.

General Park:

- The rocker at Mary Lake Park is still not repaired/replaced.
- Committee would like an update on the Bagels Forever property.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Motion from Wing, 2nd Buss.