

**TOWN OF WESTPORT  
PARK COMMITTEE**  
Kennedy Administration Building  
Community Meeting Room  
5387 Mary Lake Road  
Waunakee, WI 53597

**Minutes** - August 4, 2021 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Dave O'Malley

Also Present: Jim Stephenson

July minutes approved by a motion from Freidig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holm.

**Jackson Landing:** Jackson Landing has seen increased use since 2020. Jim Stephenson shared about the primary needs of Jackson Landing.

1. A grant to replace the old boardwalk, which is needing constant repair and is becoming a potential liability for the town. Currently, he has sprayed the problem boards orange to alert walkers and there is a caution sign. Boards will be repaired but we are short on maintenance people to help him. A grant would bring the boardwalk up to code and accessibility guidelines. This boardwalk was moved to its present location when the newer boardwalk was installed with the previous grant. It would be a shame to have to shut it down because it leads to a beautiful view of the lake.
2. Spring 2022 burn. It has been 3 years since the last one. Burns are needed for controlling invasive honeysuckle and increasing native plant output. There has been trouble in the past securing a burn with the Waunakee fire dept. Are there other organizations that could help?

Jim Stephenson invites the Plan Commission members to schedule a tour of JL, so they can see for themselves the beauty of the area and understand why the boardwalk replacement is necessary and urgent.

Stephenson has added the JL trails to the All Trails app. There is a new invasive, Japanese Hedge Parsley, that he is monitoring along with other local land groups.

The committee discussed with Stephenson the need to create a maintenance plan with his assistance, so that the town has a record on paper of all that is needed to maintain JL. Freidig will assist him in drafting this plan.

**Town Center Park:** Jessica Duffrin has been assisting in gathering information and quotes about potential new equipment and shade components. Freidig, Wing, and Bob Anderson met with GRG Natural Playscapes on Zoom. Freidig and Wing will be working with them to get some ideas and quotes of natural play elements. In addition to getting more permanent shade options, the committee would like to price tables with umbrellas for comparison, knowing they would have a shorter lifespan.

**Trails:** Holm reported that the Kennedys will be talking amongst themselves about allowing a trail connection through their land. It would be helpful if Bob Anderson could put together an estimate of what an easement would look like for the Kennedys.

**Member Replacement:** Dave O'Malley will be unable to continue to serve on the committee. The parks committee requests the board seek a new member to replace him.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by a motion by Wing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Holm.