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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LONGSHORE CLUB PARK 260 SOUTH COMPO ROAD, WESTPORT, CT 06880

Town of Westport Parks Advisory Committee Final Minutes November 19, 2018

The Parks Advisory Committee of the town of Westport met in Room 309 of Town Hall on Monday, November 19, 2018. Chairman David Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members present: Nat Brogadir, JoAnn Davidson, Rob Feakins, and Jennifer Weil.

Members Absent: John Connell, John Lovro, David New, and Rob Wolter.

- **1. Approval of Minutes –** The minutes of the October 22, 2018 meetings were unanimously approved.
- 2. Comments None
- 3. Riverside Park Discussion The Committee members have all been able to tour Riverside Park to examine the recently completed clearing and tree work. As well, the Committee members reviewed the attached Exhibit I detailing potential ideas for Riverside Park improvements (one typo was noticed, "West" on item #4, should be "east" which has been corrected on the attached). The Committee unanimously approved the attached listing. The Committee proposed enlisting the assistance of a landscape planner to draft a preliminary site plan incorporating the elements on Exhibit I. Unfortunately, Jen Fava, Director of Parks & Recreation, was unable to attend the meeting, so the Committee was unable to solicit her insights on this recommendation.

Motion was made to adjourn and passed unanimously. Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, David Floyd Chair, Parks Advisory Committee

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Exhibit I: Riverside Park Renovations & Improvements

11/19/2018

Phase I:

- 1. Parking Area/Riverside Avenue
 - a. Remove hedge along Riverside Avenue. Replace with fencing to match typical P&R fencing
 - b. Widen parking area toward road to enable 45 degree parking facing toward river
 - c. Install new sidewalk along Riverside Ave. along parking area
- 2. New benches and/or picnic tables (from Lillian Wadsworth rough cut boards?)
 - a. New bench & picnic table in grassy area adjacent to parking area
 - b. New bench directly East of parking area, closer to river
 - c. New bench on small peninsula
- 3. Walking Path: create natural walking path around entire perimeter of park: commencing at parking lot, down toward river, along river, across rocks, around peninsula, along marshy area, along south side of park, then north along Riverside Avenue to parking lot.
 - a. Signage at Start?
 - b. Tree specimen/description signage
- 4. Add native shrubs/plants in area directly east of parking toward river (area with single tree)
- 5. Arrange/adjust large rocks to enable crossing (coordinate with designed Walking Path above) & potentially another area?
- 6. Clear and level small peninsula to the south of the large rock pile
- 7. Osprey platform, birdhouses, and/or bat houses (locations: TBD)
- 8. Wildlife signage (at parking area, area east of parking toward river)
- 9. Create arboretum in southern end (grassy area) with native specimen trees

Phase II:

- 1. Extend riverwalk/boardwalk from behind office properties to the north across the marsh to connect directly to Riverside Park.
- 2. Kayak launch (location: TBD)