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Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023

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Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Melton, Voice, Hubbell

One present on Zoom

Set / Approve Agenda: Glenn requests removing NB c. (3) Capital Projects process. This did not to come through the Board. This is just for thoughts and context.

Melton would like to add an item to discuss the booklets with playground equipment as NB d (4).

Peninsula Township flyer add as NB e (5).

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

MOTION by Butler, second by Cosgrove to approve January 9, 2023, meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Butler-yes; Voice-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Melton-yes; Hubbell-yes. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Peninsula Township flyer to be discussed as new business.

Glenn notes that the board has accepted the bid of Molon Excavating to move forward on the Park boat ramp, parking lot, entryway and boat wash, $525,000+.   The Tribe granted $20,000 toward the boat wash. The project should be completed by the end of October.

Park Manager position has been posted.

PRAC noted appreciate for Don taking on the added work of working with the Park operations.

Unfinished Business:

1.   BCNA tree removal – Will need to be brought forth to the Board from the PRAC as a project.

2. Lossie Trail wetland and improvements:

   a. EGLE preconstruction walk through – discussion of the Budget and possible dollars available.

   b. Landscape Architect walkdown

   c. Subcommittee thoughts: to hone in on project details. Discussion ensued regarding organizing a volunteer group or list. It is a challenge to get a work bee type group. Subcommittee work is a way to break the projects up gathering details so no one person is doing all of the work.

Call for volunteers in the Spring Newsletter.

Change in ARPA funding motion wording. Do we need to request information from the Board to get moving on the projects? PRAC does not want to spend a lot of time and energy getting details together if the Board is just going to shut it down. Glenn feels the PRAC needs to bring the project scope(s) to the Board, details preferably, at least an outline and estimate of cost.

Lossie Trail is the "A" project since we have County ARPA funds ($94,000) to work with.

Steve Lagerquist and Steve Largent are willing to work with us. Kevin, landscape architect, will help assess before EGLE walk through. Josh Crain is the EGLE contact.

3. Hi Pray Park requested Board approval to reopen playground. The inspector indicates that a second inspection is not necessary but she will do it in the spring. All items have been completed.

MOTION by Cosgrove, second by Hubbell to request that the board approve re-opening the Hi Pray Park playground. Roll call vote: Hubbell-yes; Butler-yes; Voice-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Melton-yes. Motion carried.

4. Lossie/BCNA trail signage – on hold

6. SPARKS grant for BCNA trail upgrades not successful on first round. The project will automatically move into the second round.

Get a different quote on the walking trail at Hi Pray for the SPARKS grant. Get it quoted several ways, the trail with and without lights, exercise pads and exercise equipment.

New Business:
1. New PRAC binders mostly assembled.

2. PRAC Bylaws review, update and discuss Annual Report. Changes made. Will be red lined and presented to the board for approval.
Consensus to send the Bylaws updates to the Board for approval.

3. ~~Capital Project Process – drafted by Don Glenn~~ removed the item

4. Look through the playground equipment books, adult exercise equipment keeping in mind ADA, long term maintenance and well-rounded body workouts.

5. Peninsular Township flyer discussed and highlighted the cooperation between multiple entities in the completion of the park project(s).

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
 Recording Secretary