

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
November 14, 2022**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

Set / Approve Agenda: Boat Launch project update between F & G (6 & 7)

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

MOTION by Cosgrove, second by Voice to approve October 10, 2022, meeting minutes.

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

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Par Plan Risk Reduction Grant.

ARPA survey 2022 information provided for each member for their notebooks.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Park dug-outs are complete! The left over diamond dust can be spread during spring maintenance. Diamond dust will be a budget item for 2023.

2. Whitewater Township Park Playground decals have been put on. Project complete!

3. Battle Creek Natural Area (BCNA) & Lossie Road Natural Trail (LRNT) – LRNT tree removal is complete. BCNA trail has not been completed. The Board will need an estimate from Largent of the GT Conservation District for the BCNA tree removal completion. Technically the “not to exceed” amount has not been reached on the contract so it could possibly be considered under that.

The GT County ARPA grant has been presented. Local ARPA funding does have an allowance for trail work to be done.

4. Lossie Trail wetland and improvements Joshua Crane of EGLE to hopefully do the preconstruction walk through December 5.

Application to GT County for an ARPA grant for the project has been submitted.

5. Hi Pray Park playground border work has been completed! The swing clevises have been received, Hubbell will take care of that. FastSigns posts can be picked up any time (Melton, Hubbell or Cosgrove). Melton will get the decals placed. Once everything is complete Melton will contact for the final inspection.

6. Lossie/BCNA trail signage - Temporary sign until the permanent signs can be done. One BCNA and Two Lossie Road trail signs. MacLean will get those printed and laminated with the heaviest lamination available.

Paddle Antrim uses the Avenza trail system app. Goss will check with Deana at Paddle Antrim about details.

7. Boat Launch Project – the bid documents had to be updated and it is on the Board agenda tomorrow. The board just recently got the update information to be reviewed. Discussion and decision may be postponed.

Water Ways grant has been extended to December 2023.

Township Park funding and budget status has to be addressed.

8. PRAC Meeting dates change is an agenda item on the November Board agenda.

9. GT County ARPA grant request submitted for two projects, the BCNA trail restoration and improvement (the loop), \$50,000 requested and the Lossie Trail wetland mitigation and improvement, \$95,917 request.

Thank you Melissa and Amber!

New Business:

1. SPARKS grant, what is it? what projects to present? who writes the grant? The first one is due 12/19/2022 and requires a resolution by the board. No matching funds required.

What would be the highest ranking of the projects? Can submit three different projects that will be rolled into each of the two subsequent grant cycles.

The initial request is pretty simple and requires a resolution from the governing body. Much information is already provided with the previous grant request, the info on the Hi Pray plan and the Whitewater Township Park plan.

These are all things that are on the Capital Improvements list in the Rec Plan.

Melton, and Voice will work on it.

Melton will put a request for resolutions from the board for all three projects.

a. Whitewater Township Park Beach, a possible raised beach with stairs and platform with the pavilion, kayak launch, disc golf course.

b. Hi Pray walking trail with the workout circuit, additional play area for smaller children, splash pad.

c. BCNA & LRNT connection, loop and wetland mitigation.

Next regular meeting: December 12, 2022, 7 p.m.

Public Comment:

Public comment began at 9:28 p.m.

Vicky Emerson

Public comment ended at 9:28 p.m.

Adjournment: 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary