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**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, February 11, 2013**

Call to Order by Chairman Mouser, at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

Committee Members Present: Knapp, Mouser, Hubbell

Committee Members Absent: Melton, Leach

Others Present: Recording Secretary, MacLean

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes (1/14/2013) Hubbell, Knapp, all approved. Defer approval of January 28, minutes

Correspondence None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

DNR Grant Writing Workshop

Highlights: Matching local funds are required. Cannot use other DNR or state grants as the match. "Sweat Equity" would not really work. Asked Supervisor Popp if there would be Township matching funds available IF we were to pursue the DNR Grant. "No."

DNR grants are scored by points. Different grants have different guidelines. Each has different minimum and maximum requests. The development grants that we are interested in are more competitive in nature than the grants for land acquisitions. DNR grants tend to be something that is planned for 2-5 years out.

We can look for sources of the matching funds. Fund raisers like Acme is doing. Possibly re-align the capital improvements list, separating the Township Park from the rest of the rec list.

Community input is requested via community survey, public meetings and survey through the newsletter. Increase in park, seasonal and boat launch fees needs to be looked at by the board. Possibly letting people know that the additional fees would be used for specific things, like the new bathroom.

Parks budget, via the Supervisor: Worker's comp and unemployment have eaten up the left over funds that it looked like we may have had. No news on the tribal grant.

This summer our main focus will be gathering information and sources of funds.

Then we will revisit our Rec. Plan and tailor parts to what is specifically needed for getting grants.

For the next meeting: March 11, 2013, Call for a public input/comment meeting at a regular P&R meeting. (Idea: Color dots and 3x5 cards with comments.) Getting general and specific information. Possibly a special millage (¼ mil), with what they would possibly be interested in funding A, B or C. May 13 and or June 10. April newsletter. Get some question ideas together for the survey.

Idea: Create a Trail Walker's association and connect with the Kalkaska County snowshoe group.

Ron Popp is looking at possibly getting a board member to be a liason.

Unfinished Business:

1. No statement from the board regarding the land survey and moving forward. They are looking at it. The Supervisor said it is on the agenda for the next meeting after the 12th.

New Business None

Public Comment None

Adjournment 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary