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**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, April 8, 2013**

Call to Order by Chairman Leach at 7:05 pm

Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

Committee Members Present: Leach, Melton, Knapp, Donkers

Committee Members Absent: Mouser, Hubbell

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes (3/11/2013)

Motion to approve minutes by Knapp seconded by Leach, all in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments: Introduce Steve Donkers as the alternate.

Unfinished Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Discussion on Lossie Trail, wood trail, bridge for the wet area. Howard Ward reinforced the bridge. Leach: Don't see the township coming up with any money for anything. Discouraging. Knapp measured and we need 60 yards of lumber to do a plank trail (like the Grass River Natural Area) over the wet area.
2. Discussion of how to approach the Public Meetings. Come up with a list of things that you would like to discuss? Each person present something? One person be the spokes-person? Put something in the ER News, Bill. Melissa to take the flyer to the school. **Set a special meeting on May 6 to get what the Committee wants to do.**
Motion to have a special meeting May 6, by Donkers seconded by Melton, all in favor – motion carried.
Be prepared with the 3x5 cards, colored dots. Add the second meeting "votes" to first. Categorize, visualize WWT Park, Hi Pray, each of the individual areas with pictures. People are going to come up things that they find important. Ask the people for ideas to make some money for the projects, people to donate funds. Maybe asking for money/donations should not be first on the list of things to do but fund raising ideas gets people thinking. Share results of the public input gathering meetings in the July newsletter. Get a real e-mail account for Parks & Rec. Turn big field into little league useable. Get a batters box. Softball league discussion. Let teams play for free for a year? Needs investigation. Can be used for practice fields. Refreshments at the games. Need community involvement. We also do not have a soccer field. Pickle ball has been suggested. Need to check the Township Budget for Parks and Rec for any possible funds available.
3. Index cards, colored dots, markers, white boards, paper – supplies possibly by the township.
4. Book for Steve Donkers.

Public Comment None

Adjournment 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary

Inquire of the board regarding previous action items, alternate, plaque, survey, cc at 3/26 board meeting.

Public input meeting ideas. Special Meeting 5/7/13 Next regular meeting 5/13/13.