

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, June 10, 2013**

Call to Order by Chairman Mouser at 7:10 pm

Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

Committee Members Present: Mouser, Melton, Knapp, Donkers,

Committee Members Absent: Leach, Hubbell

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes (5/13/2013)

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

Correspondence 10 additional surveys received.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

1. Della Benak is the official Board liason.
2. Board has allocated funds to provide permanent stakes. Donkers will use his tractor bucket to move/haul stakes. **Motion by Knapp to schedule 2 dates for a work bee to get the stakes in the ground, July 20 and July 27, seconded by Donkers. All in favor. Motion carried.**
3. Discussion regarding Miami Beach Rd. dam on private land. DNR indicates there are no environmental issues. Once the dam is removed everything will clear right back out. Costly to remove dam. Grant funds are offered for making properties more useable, accessible. Add to the Parks and Rec Master Plan, Capital Improvements.
4. Need to check on status of the Battle Creek bridge.
5. May 28 Board Meeting: 1.) DNR reps were there to let the township know what the plans are for the Strombolis Lake area sale. 2.) The Board moved to block the use of the stairs at the Township Park. There is a risk reduction grant available through the insurance carrier.

Unfinished Business: 10 new survey responses received – a 133% increase! ☺

New Business:

1. Rules and Rates for the Park for 2014. Seasonal Sites: Approved to have 15 Seasonal Sites, 12 have been “sold” for this year (2013) at \$1482 for 67 days, June 27 – September 2. They can bring their camper in anytime after May 10 and only pay for the nights they are actually there (usually on the weekends). Discussion regarding creating a “lottery” for instances when more than one person wants a specific site for the season – To Edie’s recollection it has not happened in the past, Clerk Walton indicates it did happen this year. Discussion regarding setting specific sites as seasonal, at this time the people pick which site they would like and have “first right of refusal” for the following year. Discussion on the plan that other parks sometimes use of a two week limit in any one camp site. **Consensus: A.) the fundamental idea of having seasonal sites is good. B.) Board has approved for 15 C.) Create a plan for a “lottery” just in case the need arises in the future. D.) No specific sites set for seasonal. E.) Stick with the same rates but add \$10 per day that the seasonal campers are on-site but not in use before and after the designated “season”. Keep the current rate of \$22 per night that campers are present at the site. Boat Launch: Increase the daily from \$5 to \$8. Charge the Seasonal Campers who have boats the seasonal unlimited fee (\$40 for non-residents, \$20 for residents). Designate the additional funds created to be used for bathroom and launch improvements.**

Need follow-up by the Township Board on the Board approved plaque for the Trail.

Public Comment None

Adjournment 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary