

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, March 10, 2014**

Call to order 7:20

Roll Call: Mouser, Melton, Knapp, Hubbell

Absent: Leach

Also in attendance: Board Rep. Benak, Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda, Add P&R Plan status with the Board. Melton to accept adjusted agenda, second by Knapp. All in favor. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 02/10/2014: Motion to approve minutes by Knapp, second by Melton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments: Knapp had a discussion with Mr. Cosgrove. Mr. Cosgrove is worried that if the plug is taken out of the creek, he will lose the bridge. He uses the bridge for his family and rentals. The Board will decide if the bridge stays as is, goes or gets blocked.

Old Business:

1. **Review of Petobego Management Plan:** Mouser found the four appendixes for the plan. Maps, general and specific information on what is and should be there. Hubbell to verify hay cutting is still being done and when. Is there a formal or verbal agreement? Fencing and gate has been approved. Petobego is owned by Acme Township, Whitewater Township and the County. Go through the appendixes for April meeting. Schedule a walking tour date at the April meeting to look at the fencing, blinds, etc. Possibly see if "Ducks Unlimited" would be interested in putting in a blind. Field trip to get the list together of items that have not been completed.
2. **Water Testing Agreement between Acme and Whitewater Townships:** Mouser received from Acme Township information regarding the agreement and testing, the most recent being in 2013. Benak to take it to the Board.
3. **Update of Board Review of PRAC Master Plan:** The Board received the Draft in January. Their plan was to get to it in the April meeting. Petobego parking area has been discussed. Discussion on WWT Park revenues and what repairs, etc., could be done at the Park. An on-line park reservation system is being looked at. Discussion of the tower money possibly being used for Rec. Fund. Budget meeting on the 12th. Can request funds to be in the budget for projects through the board liaison. Once the Parks and Rec. Plan is approved it will open up grant opportunities. **CONSENSUS:** PRAC urges the board to allocate funds in the budget for projects.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Discussion. Would like to discuss the plug, dam and bridge with the Board.

Adjournment at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean,
Recording Secretary