

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, April 14, 2014**

Call to order 7:04

Roll Call: Mouser, Melton, Donkers, Leach, Knapp

Absent: Hubbell

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

Set / Approve Agenda, Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 03/10/2014: Motion to approve minutes by Donkers, second by Knapp. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Correspondence None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

Board liaison, Benak: PRAC Master Plan has been presented to the Board and it will likely be on the Board agenda at an undefined future date. During the budget process it was brought up to have monies budgeted for Parks and Rec. Board meetings have been mostly budget, fire. A new emergency facility proposal has been presented by the Tribe. Boardman River Master Plan for Reconstruction sent electronically. Meeting notice distributed.

Elk River Chain of Lakes Watershed Implementation Team meeting: Watershed Management Plan, we can use the GT County Watershed Plan to apply for grants.

Information was presented regarding the dams and the effects on the local lake levels.

Road Ends and Erosion project with Road End Evaluation. Township owned vs. privately owned properties at the road ends at the lakes in Whitewater Township. Milton Township has information and can be contacted.

HOMEWORK: Check the Milton Twp. Website and see what Chris Weinzapfel has shared.

Fish shelters have been placed on the lakes, GPS coordinates are on the Three Lakes Association website.

Baggs Rd. boat launch has been brought to the DNR's attention for improvement.

Woody Debris (trees) being used in the rivers to make them flow cleaner and naturally get deeper.

Old Business:

1. **Unfinished items from Petobego Management Plan:** To bring in an expert for input maybe we can get someone from the Conservation Resource Alliance to go with us on the walking tour of the area to help determine the condition and what to do to control invasive species. Discussion. Bill to put together a list of objectives/inventory of what we want to cover. Use the map to plan the walking tour. Township, County and State own different parts of the Natural Area – look for coordination. Acme Township is acquiring more than 800 acres of farm land in that area. That is prime bike path area. The Tribe is working with TART to get the trail all the way to the casino. Not likely to happen between Williamsburg and Elk Rapids.
2. **Report concerning hay field management, Hubbell: not available,** Leach will try to contact.
3. **Field trip to Petobego date: Regular meeting June 9, at 6 p.m. at the Petobego entrance. Request the parking lot be mowed.** Need to get updated quote for rail fence material to schedule a date with material to put the fence up. Work bees for marking the fence line and then installing 48 fence posts May 10 and 17, 8 a.m. Last known, the Lossie Trail is still short by 12 stakes.

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m. by Knapp, second by Melton

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean,

Recording Secretary

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APPROVED