

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, May 12, 2014**

Call to order 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Benak

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary, MacLean and committee alternate, Donkers.

Set / Approve Agenda, Adjust agenda to add Gallagan memorial placement to New Business by Leach, second by Knapp, all in favor. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 04/14/2014: Motion to approve minutes by Knapp, second by Melton. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence Letters from NW Michigan Council of Gov't (NWMCOG) distributed.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

1. Report on Hayfield: Leach: checking to find out if there is a written contract. They are still interested in taking the hay off. Gate needs to be at least 14' to get tractor through. Planned gate is 16' to be put in by Apple Fence Co.
2. Report on availability of fence material: 10" auger available through Leach, possibly Hubbell has a 12" auger. When materials are verified Mouser will mark. Will keep the 17th for a fence work bee. Leach will talk to the Supervisor about getting the fence materials that had previously been approved by the Board for purchase.

Old Business:

1. Petobego Management Plan:

2. **Field trip to Petobego on June 9th at 6 p.m.** Possibly bring in an expert on plants, native species and invasive species and what would need to be done to eradicate invasive species. Even if it is not at the time of the PRAC walk through. Mouser to talk to the Conservation District or see if they can make a recommendation. Will check with the County Parks and Rec. Check with NRCS at the USDA in Traverse – Hubbell. Possible filler for the drive.

Check through the management plan for what is there and what needs to be done.

New Business:

Gallagan memorial marker placement scheduled for May 18, at 2 p.m.

Regular meeting schedule confirmation. Motion to accept the 2014/2015 regular meeting schedule of the second Monday of each month by Melton, second by Knapp. All in favor. Motion carried.

Parks and Rec. Plan Draft has not been on the Board agenda yet, it has been in the hands of the Board for 60+ days. PRAC needs it in place before we can go for any grants. Planning Commission Draft Master Plan is a priority for the Board.

Discussion about parking for the Lossie Trail via property that belongs (belonged) to the school. Verification needed to know if the school had given the land to the township previously.

Stakes for both ends for Lossie Trail: Motion by Knapp to recommend that the Township acquire the remainder of the stakes needed for Lossie Trail, "flush mount" for the west end and tall stakes for the east end as discussed by the Supervisor and property owner, second by Leach. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be the site tour at Petobego, June 9, at 6 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary