

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Petobego Site Visit
Minutes for Monday, June 9, 2014**

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Benak

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

Set / Approve Agenda,

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Meeting Minutes of May will be at the next regular meeting.

Correspondence

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

1. Parks and Recreation Draft Plan on hold with the Board while other more pressing issues are being addressed.
2. Waiting on fence material for Petobego parking area, along with installation of the gate.
3. Hubbell notes that the NRCS of the USDA will be at his place sometime next week (June 16 – 20). Identifying plant species and creating “best practice management plans” is what they do for free. Mouser will be available to walk through with them.
4. There has been a complaint by the little league regarding the trash at the ball fields at the park.
5. Leach notes that he has some extra T stakes that can be used for the Lossie Trail. May still be in need of the “flush mount” stakes.

Old Business:

1. Site visit to Petobego Natural Area:

- a. Walking through the natural area (south of Angell Road) it is noted that the “hay field” is still in good shape for cutting, which according to the plan should be done mid July through late August for protection of the birds that nest in the area.
- b. The easterly half of the natural area is wet and very marsh like.
- c. No signs of four-wheel trails or recent four-wheel activity.
- d. Located the hunting blind. Looks like it has been used during this past season. It is in very rough shape but could be made better with little effort and donated materials. Would need to use some sort of motorized vehicle to get materials to it.
- e. Could not locate the old building foundation.
- f. Based on the shrub growth, the southern end of the upland nature area appears to have not been mowed or hayed in a couple years.
- g. The parking area has not been mowed. The management plan indicates that the trail should also be mowed, 4 to 6 feet wide. The trail runs along the shrub line at the east side of the hayfield.
- h. Removal of barbed wire fence.

New Business: None.

Next meeting will be July 14, at 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean,
Recording Secretary