

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, September 8, 2014**

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Leach Hubbell, Donkers

Absent: Benak, Mouser,

Also in attendance: Recording Secretary, MacLean.

Set / Approve Agenda,

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes of 8/11/2014: *Motion to approve minutes by Donkers, second by Hubbell. All in favor. Motion carried.*

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

None

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Rates at the park: Melton sent a note stating that she is not in favor of raising park rates but maybe the boat ramp fees could be raised or get extra donations that could be designated to improvements at the park, specifically the toilets at the ramp area.
Need to compare with other state parks' rates. State rate for rustic runs \$10-14, modern hook-up sites are \$16 - \$27, premium sites are \$28 - 29, full service \$30 - \$33. Private camp ground rates in Gaylord are substantially higher.
Ideas:
Increase the boat launch rates. Increase the boat launch rate for the seasonal campers.
Should charge seasonal campers for the days they are not there. They should pay additional for the dates before the "season" and the dates after the "season". The campers are still using electricity even while they are not there.
Could charge a "storage" type rate.
Discussion about being a "camp host" and what it entails.
(Lois will sent the minutes from the meeting(s) that these were discussed.)
Postpone a decision. Find out if the board wants this addressed by the PRAC.
1. Handicap hunting blind. Is it realistic for the township to expense out what it would cost to get it completely set? Handicap parking spot would have to be next to the opening for the trail. We do not actually have a trail right now. If we try to make it ADA compliant, the information from Jim Moore at Disability Network addresses what is necessary to make it so. The letter received (attached) addresses the questions/concerns that was brought up via the letter from Ron Popp. The PRAC needs to find out if it is necessary to be ADA compliant.
2. Discussion of filling in the swampy areas at the Lossie Trail with railroad ties and some gravel. The one wet section could likely be covered for less than \$1000.

Committee comments: The advisory committee expresses a lot of frustration working with Supervisor Popp. Feels he is not being cooperative and keeps throwing road blocks up even for projects that have been approved by the Board. Also, oping the Board will look at the PRAC Master Plan soon so grants can be applied for.

Next meeting October 13, 2014.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary