

**Whitewater Township  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Minutes for Monday, October 14, 2013**

**Call to Order** by Chairman Mouser at 7:05 pm

**Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members**

Committee Members Present: Knapp, Melton, Leach, Benak, Mouser

Committee Members Absent: Hubbell

**Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda** Include discussion of Lossie Trail Memorial Marker

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest** None

**Public Comment** None

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of 9/9/2013.**

Motion to approve by Knapp second by Leach. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Correspondence** None

**Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:** None

Unfinished Business:

1. Lossie Memorial Marker: Knapp to Galligan, in audience: Where do you want it placed? Mouser: The Township Board is to make the decision of where. Galligan: There is a nice place where it could go. Knapp: Is there going to be a base? Galligan: It is planned to have a base. Galligan asked if there is going to be a gate? North property line with a big gate and if it is locked the property owner, township and fire dept can have a key. A cattle type gate would work, keeping traffic out, letting people in. Leach: Money from the township is the big question. Benak: There was a question about being handicap accessible. Supervisor Popp is looking into that. Knapp: We have someone on the end that takes a golf cart down. It is being checked on for the next board meeting. Melton: There has been discussion at the board meeting. Benak: It is between the Galligan family and the township board. Supervisor Popp has an idea. Mouser to Galligan: Let the Supervisor know where you would like it. This committee can pass a resolution in support of where you would like it. Put your stick in the ground where you would like it. MOTION by Knapp in support of where the Galligans would like to place the marker and have it expedited so there can be a ceremony yet this fall, second by Melton. All in favor. Mouser to take it to the Board Meeting at the next meeting.
2. Fence at Petobego parking area: P&R needs to provide a drawing and materials list to the Township Board. Hubbell and Mouser measured it. It has been presented to the Supervisor. Benak: Popp has expressed a concern at the last board meeting regarding ADA. Popp is looking for verification. Melton: Nothing has been purchased. Benak: Funds have been approved. Mouser to check to find out if the concerns have been addressed.
3. Battle Creek Plug: Knapp: Mary Anne Rivers-Friese expressed, as spokesperson of the Skegemog Association, that they are very much in favor of pulling the plug at Battle Creek. Tom Yoakum will come to our November 11, meeting with Mary Anne and Heather Hettinger. They would like to see the plug removed. Heather is interested in helping with this in hopes of getting the trout moving through there. Due to trout spawning it cannot be done until spring. Heather said the property owner does NOT own the creek and is interested in moving forward with the permit for the plug removal. She suggested the Conservation Resource Association to help look for money to get the plug removed. Knapp needs three more sets of pictures (from Della) for Steve Largent of the GT Conservation District. It has been made clear that once the plug is removed the water will clear. Knapp indicates that the out stakes along the trail have been painted orange. There are no "no motor vehicle" signs yet. Mouser states that in the Battle Creek plan it is clear that there are not supposed to be any motorized vehicles. Knapp to follow-up on signs. Kent Reynolds is the current head of the Skegemog Association.
4. Discussion of Parks and Recreation Plan draft. Motion to accept the basic draft with changes by Knapp, second by Melton. All in favor. Motion carried.  
Benak supplied many new and updated maps for inclusion along with the financial information. Benak to discuss with Popp and Habedank about getting the Zoning section completed. Mouser to get the "page 16" information

from the Clerk. Remove the "Proposed Zoning Map" and reference where it can be found. Include Battle Creek in the Recreational Projects Map. Include the 1859 map of the Lossie Trail. Include the Whitewater Township Park Trail Map. Include The GTBand in the list of groups the township associates with and remove the "what", just leave in the "who". Add the Capital Improvements list. Della and Lois to compile and complete the Table of Contents with maps.

**New Business:**

1. **Next meeting: November 11, 2013** Battle Creek plug with guests and DNR signage discussion.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary