

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, November 11, 2013**

Call to Order by Chairman Mouser at 7:00 pm

Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

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

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Meeting Minutes of 10/14/2013: Knapp indicates that Heather Hettinger will not write the permit but it will go by her office. Motion to approve with the change by Leach, second by Melton. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Correspondence None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments: Phil Knapp on Battle Creek, removal of blockage at the outlet: Contacted Steve Largent from the Conservation District for possible funds to be approved. Water Resources Division (DEQ), Robin Schmidt says we may need a letter from the adjacent property owner (Cosgrove) and an on-site. Heather Hettinger wants to look at it. Preapplication meeting request must be filled out and approved by the Board for the Supervisor to move forward on it. Mouser and/or Benak to present to the Board at the 11/12/2013, meeting. Also, Otwell-Mawby's Matt McClelland indicates there is a 12 – 16 month time frame to get money/support through them. They like working with larger projects and suggest we add the installation of "swamp boards" and viewing platform to the request. Must have the Recreation Plan approved.

Conservation Resource Alliance, Sue, said to bring the file over to get someone to get back with us for possible funds.

Submit application for the permit. Submit the file with the application without the letter from the adjacent property owner. All in an attempt to get the State involved in the process. Heather recommends holding off on getting a bid until the permit is approved.

Removal of the bridge, Heather is certain he (Cosgrove) does not own half of the creek, which means the township does not own half either. All we would have to do is to put a gate on our side of the "man-made structure". DNR says pulling the plug will clear the water out. Multiple groups working together carries more weight in the DNR's decision process.

Unfinished Business:

1. Review of Park and Recreation Plan: Changes as discussed. Appendix will be the maps and other information referenced throughout the document. Benak and MacLean to complete compilation.

New Business:

1. **Next meeting: December 9, 2013** Approval of P & R Plan to be voted on an presented to the Board on the 10th.
2. From the County Awards Banquet: Fife Lake received awards for their Parks and Rec work. "A hot bed of coolness." Pulls the whole community together for the parade. They also started an Amazing Fife Lake Race for the 4th of July, set up like the television show. Acme Township got an award for their work on the bayshore.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary