

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, September 9, 2013**

Call to Order by Chairman Mouser at 7: pm

Roll Call of Advisory Committee Members

Committee Members Present: Knapp, Donkers, Benak, Hubbell, Mouser

Committee Members Absent: Melton, Leach

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda Motion to add man made "beaver dam" and "plug" and bridge at Miami Beach to Old Business by Donkers second by Hubbell. Motion carried.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of 8/26/2013.

Motion to approve by Knapp seconded by Donkers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Correspondence Jim Galligan: Putting markers on the trail to go back and forth, every other side. Work on getting the platform in during the winter when it is frozen. The Stone Marker is in the Board meeting minutes.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments: Knapp: Painted the stake tops orange, got them all except one. There are more stakes to be put in. Knapp will get more paint for the additional stakes.

Unfinished Business:

- Man made dam: DNR said it is NOT a beaver dam. It was made by Snowday. Hubbell: Open the original water way. New owner (Cosgrove) brought it up to the Committee. Four wheelers are using the walking bridge there are lots of tire tracks on both sides of the bridge. History, pictures and information brought shared by Benak. Three separate issues:
The non-beaver dam: The dam will be a non-issue if the plug is removed, the water will just go around.
The bridge: Safety and insurance issues. Tom Cosgrove owns half the bridge. The township could gate/block at the center of the bridge. Cosgrove rents the house and renters use the bridge to access the island that is there.
Motion by Donkers, second by Hubbell to make a recommendation to the Board to draft a letter to the owner (Cosgrove) that we take no ownership of the bridge, the township sees it is a liability and it breaks the rules of the BCNA Mangement Plan. It needs to be removed. All in favor. Motion carried.
The Plug: DNR said the silt will clear out when the plug is removed. Knapp: try to get MB residents to pay for removing the plug. Knapp: Get an estimate on the cost of getting the plug removed. Benak: Check with Elk-Skegemog Lake Association (ESLA) to see if they are interested in removing or help in removing the plug. Knapp to contact ESLA to see if there is any assistance available.
- Gate and fence for and Petobego and stakes for Lossie Trail was approved during budget. All the problems happen during hunting season. Monies have been allocated. Need material, worker bees and a 10" auger. Would not take long get it done. Materials list plus quote from Apple Fence needed for Benak to take to the Board.
- Review and approval of Parks and Recreation Plan. Review of maps. Need budgets and expenditure info. If the maps are in the old Plan we should be able to pull those. We will need copies of the forms and procedures for the Park. Wetland overlay map may have changed and the watershed map may have changed. We can make a recommendation that there is a Park Manager. The whole Plan is just a recommendation until the Board approves. Incorporate the Park fee schedule into the Plan and present all together. (Fees are subject to annual change).

New Business:

- Next meeting: October 14, 2013**

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary