

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, October 13, 2014**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Leach Hubbell, Donkers, Mouser, Melton

Also in attendance: Board Rep., Benak and Recording Secretary, MacLean.

Set / Approve Agenda, Add Lossie Trail to old business with Petobego

Declaration of Conflict of Interest None

Public Comment None

Approval of Minutes of 9/8/2014: Motion to approve minutes by Leach, second by Donkers. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments:

Mouser indicates he will be moving out of the township. A new member of the PRAC will be needed.

Melton reports there is interest in softball leagues for next year. Recreation Plan addresses improvements. Is there a policy in place for softball leagues? Melton to contact Clerk regarding such. Need to bring forth the policy and find out what improvements would need to be done.

Old Business:

1. Boat launch and camping fees: Any formal recommendations made at the last meeting? Consensus to recommend the changes of what were discussed previously for rates. Is the Board looking for recommendations from the PRAC? Motion by Donkers to recommend as discussed last year, second by Leach, including the addition of boat launch fee increase for seasonal campers (June 10, 2013 meeting). All in favor. Motion carried.

2. Long Term camping rules: No additional recommended changes that are not included in (2).

CLERK: Board had reviewed season camping rates. Instead of the normal \$27, discount to \$22 for additional days seasonal campers use site. Seasonal campers get the most desirable sites in the park. 2014 season restricted seasonal campers to just their 67 nights; they are welcome to book those same sites as the rest of the campers through the on-line reservation system. Three did not come back for 2014, ten did book for the season and some of them with additional camping through the on-line system. Will be sticking with this same policy for 2015. Seasonal campers get quite a break in camping rates during the peak season.

3. Status of wood fence at Petobego: Two of the three issues have been settled, at this point. Based on the information from the Disability Network and BATA, the parking area has to be larger than it is right now, need a larger turn around for the BATA bus. Make 95' north/south and 98' east/west. Need a five foot opening for the trail head. For accuracy we need another map for Petobego to know exactly where the fence posts will go with accurate measurements and parking lot measurements. Graveling the parking lot at Petobego is part of the Management Plan. Donkers will work with Popp to draw up the exact map.

Motion by Melton for Donkers to draw up map and request the purchase order, second by Leach. All in favor. Motion carried.

Benak recommends getting information together for the cost of graveling the parking lot so it can go into the budget. Something from each of the park areas should be presented for budgeting. The PRAC notes that all of these Capital Improvements have been included in the Rec. Plan presented by Benak to the Board in April 2014.

There are grants and funds available but the Rec. Plan has to be approved first. The plan has been in the Board's hands since April. How can we get the plan on the Board Agenda? Benak will formally request that it be put on the agenda and make sure that it is kept on the tabled section.

Budgeting is usually started in January so for projects that the PRAC would like addressed in 2015 we should address them at the PRAC in the next couple months to get the information to the Board by the first of January.

Petobego and Lossie Trail are two separate projects. As soon as the map is approved and materials are purchased it can go up. There are four weekends available. Is it possible to get materials? Approximate cost of \$586 plus the gate at less than \$500 is all well within the approved funds. AND, remove the barbed wire fence at the hunting blind during the work bee.

Notice at the kiosk needs to be updated with current information. Get the current information to the Clerk for updating.

Lossie Trail: Flush mount stakes have been purchased. Donkers indicates that Miss Dig must be contacted for Cook Rd. and Skegemog Point Rd. right of way stakes. Regular stakes needed, Popp did not issue a Purchase Order number, need to get that from the Clerk and they can be picked up from Sends. Popp indicated he will get ahold of a machine that will get the distances for placing the markers. Leach has a range finder that can be used – need at least two people to use it.

New Business:

1. Replacement committee members: Need two replacements, one as the alternate and one to replace Mouser. Previously suggested: Larry Lake, Hubbell to contact; Fran Butler who worked with the DNR, Benak to contact; Nicole Stibbs, Mouser to contact. If you know anyone just have them send in a quick letter to the Supervisor.

Work bee will be as soon as possible.

Next meeting November 10, 2014.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary