

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, January 8, 2018**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Decker, Hubbell, Leach, Melton

Absent: None

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean, Clerk Goss,

Set / Approve Agenda: Add DNR grant workshop to New Business #3

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment. None

Approval of December 11, 2017, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION by Decker second by Butler to approve the minutes. On voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Nice package presented by Decker with prices, etc., of projects we have been talking about.

Unfinished Business:

1. Finalize budgeting for 2018 projects list for Board. The Board allocates money to the Recreation Fund. Whitewater Township Park has its own revenue stream. The fund balances roll over into the next fiscal year.

Recently purchased playground equipment onsite at Whitewater Twp. Park:

Sand Blasting cost estimates, *Cheryl*

Swings with chains, *Melissa*, \$1000

Bolts/hardware, \$350-\$500

Other Misc. duplicate material costs of weedmat, beach sand, border, etc. , *Cheryl*

Get an estimate from Steuer on initial excavating, *Brandon*

Batting Cage @ Hi Pray (see below New Business 3)

Dug Outs @ Hi Pray (see below New Business 3)

Tennis court wall @ Hi Pray (see below New Business 3)

Signage at BCNA and Lossie Trail "No Motorized Vehicles Allowed", aluminum, on posts, two for each. Two small kiosks for Lossie Trail, rules and a trail map; a sign at the road that says that it is " Lossie Road Trail Head", aluminum, on a metal post, one or two needed. Fast Signs. *Cheryl will come back some samples.*

Suggest a "Park entrance 300'". County. *Brandon (922-4848)*

2. BCNA Recreation Plan Amendment; appendix 9 & 14 in plan, new maps for BCNA GIS maps – need actual GPS coordinates. Plan amendment should be made.

Remove part of trail that goes to the lake

Move Bench to pond

New Business:

1. Resolution PRAC18-01 for 2018/2019 meeting schedule. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Leach. Roll Call: Butler-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Decker-yes; Hubbell-yes; Leach-yes; Melton-yes.

2. Election of officers.

Leach nominates Melton for Chair, second by Butler. Melton accepts. All in favor.

Cosgrove nominates Hubbell for Vice Chair, second by Leach. Hubbell accepts. All in favor.

Cosgrove nominates Leach for Secretary, second by Butler. Leach accepts. All in favor.

3. Decker is planning to attend a DNR grant writing course.

From package presented by Decker:

Batting Cage project information. Spoke with Miracle from the Little League. Build a shed that would store the pitching machine during the season and would store other equipment during the off season. High quality Amish built 10'x14' wood with metal roof, delivered is \$2,100 with volunteer labor.

Pitching machine, \$700 includes the chute and 36 balls. Can get another chute for softballs.

Replacing dugouts, just under \$15,000, includes benches with backs. Concrete footings or slab would be additional.

Tennis Wall discussion.

Total \$21,000 Request \$25,000 to cover additional costs that will arise.

Once approved by the Board Decker will go to the Band, Rotary and MLB for Grants.

Rotary Good Works: emphasize GT County, request Bob to review, request the full \$25,000. In to Rotary by April 15.

Rotary Charities is a separate grant opportunity. They like "partnerships". Verbiage: Partner / Partnership, working with other groups, "in partnership with Elk Rapids Little League". Partner with the tennis group, the softball league, men's ball league, the Y, girls softball, etc.

Rotary has an ADA grant opportunity. Discussion on ADA compliance.

In Roger City the fire department waters the ball diamond for a nice ice rink. (Something for our FD to think about)

Next regular meeting February 12, 2018.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary