

Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
January 11, 2021

Call to order 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Hubbell, Melton, Slopesema,
Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: New business before Old business

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Hubbell, second by Melton to approve December 14, 2020, meeting minutes. Roll call: Hubbell-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Butler-yes; Slopesema-yes; Melton-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Updates on current projects:

Dug-outs: Perfect Fence has decided they will get the necessary clamps fabricated. Will request they schedule as soon as possible in the spring.

Kiosks: Will get the quote from Steve Jahr for the spring.

2. Survey Results: Discussion of the numbers and graph. 210 surveys were tabulated. The survey results are one basis for determining projects to be addressed. We also have to keep in mind the cost, risks and ease of execution.

Additional information as requested 2/8/2021:

Questions are grouped and have been graphed as such. Lossie Trail and BCNA had the highest interested and lowest not interested. Whitewater Twp. Park is similar, surprisingly Hi Pray had more not interested and the disc golf had the most not interested. Maybe people are interested in the undeveloped areas vs. developed areas.

Top six by the numbers:

1-BCNA loop; 2- Lossie Trail board walk; 3- BCNA/Lossie Trail link; 4-Lossie Bridge; 5-Pit toilets; 6-Lossie Trail east parking; 7-BCNA trail to lake; 8-Paving Park Road

Clerk will compile the additional comments for review and will include with the survey results.

Thank you, Linda, for tabulating the results.

3. Parks and Rec Plan: Discussion: Appendix 2, map from Equalization. Clerk will get the updated appendixes 6, 7, 10, 15 (survey and results) and 16 of the meeting minutes when PRAC approves the plan to send to the Board for approval; 17-20 leave the titles and update the information. Discussion of Post Completion Self Certification Reports, update with future development goals. Changes to BCNA and Whitewater Township Park and leave Petobego Self Certification Reports. Include getting the Self Certification Reports signed as part of the Rec Plan approval.

NEW to be included in the Plan: Roles of commissions or advisory boards. Status of Grant assisted parks (BCNA, Petobego and Whitewater Township Park) will be added as a paragraph in each of the three areas.

DNR check list comparison to the Rec Plan, use the DNR headings.

Capital Improvements Schedule discussion: 1-7 and Melissa will put numbers to the rest of them, update the plan and bring back next month.

New Business:

1. Resolution #PRAC21-01, Meeting Schedule 2021/2022 Postpone to February

2. Election of Officers:

Butler nominated Melton for Chair. Melton accepted nomination.

Motion by Hubbell, second by Butler to elect Melton as Chair.

Roll Call: Melton-yes; Hubbell-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Butler-yes; Slopsema-yes. Motion carried.

Cosgrove nominated Hubbell for Vice Chair. Hubbell accepted nomination.

Motion by Melton, second by Slopsema to elect Hubbell as Vice Chair.

Roll call: Hubbell-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Butler-yes; Slopsema-yes; Melton-yes. Motion carried.

Slopsema nominated Butler for Secretary. Butler accepted nomination.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Slopsema to elect Butler as Secretary.

Cosgrove-yes; Butler-yes; Slopsema-yes; Melton-yes; Hubbell-yes. Motion carried.

Next regular meeting: February 8, 2021.

Agenda: Rec Plan review; Resolution for meeting minutes; PRAC 2021/2022 budget

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary