

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, January 13, 2020**

Call to order 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Hubbell, ach, Melton, Slopsema

Absent: Cosgrove

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: Chet Grant, Miami Beach Rd, has property that abuts Lossie Trail right at the MB septic. Uses the property for hunting. This year on 11/15/19 got a visit from the DNR at 9 p.m. Had gotten a deer. Someone had stolen some hunting blinds from the Dean property. Turns out the blinds had just blown in the storm. Concerned about what is happening on the Lossie Trail.

From Cook Rd to my property, where the septic system is, is all part of the Lossie Trail. Lossie Road ran between Cook Road and Skegemog Pt. Rd. It was given to the township and it was made into a trail.

There was a survey of the trail done several years ago.

There are no stakes to keep motorized vehicles out. We are working to get signs up about the trail rules. We are planning to make it inaccessible by motorized vehicles at each end.

We are looking at some different options with the Lossie Trail. We are looking to make it more navigable. There is a community member who is interested in helping to put in a raised walk-way.

It is something we are working on making it better for the community.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Leach second by Butler to approve the October meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Melton second by Butler to approve the December meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Unfinished Business:

1. Trail signs: Clerk: Took the map with the mileages and the sample from the land conservancy to Image 360. Got a quote for \$160 for design services for 12"x18" signs. They will also install for a fee. Will get a quote. Melissa will get the Lossie Trail and BCNA sign information to the Clerk.

Lossie Trail, Linda Slopsema: The ruts in the trail are about 10" deep. I've never seen anything this bad before. There is some severe damage.

Possibly notify the owners of the property that abuts the Trail via letters.

Possibly put a T post with a sign in the middle of the trail on the west side just past the DPW access and on the east side just past where the property owner has property north and south of the trail.

2. Hi Pray Park Dug outs: Linda Slopsema: Cheryl and Linda met with Fleiss & VandenBrink about the dug outs. He was going to work up an estimate and he thought it would come through under the \$20,000+. They will have the plans and quote by Friday. They would be able to have it complete by the first of May.

3. 2020/2021 Budget: Any other numbers needed? Tennis back board? Slide for WTP? Moving equipment? Volunteers to help get the nets up. The berms are good. Flower beds at Hi-Pray Park.

4. Batting Cage Usage: Reservations through park ranger, hourly increments, rates for individuals, rates for groups for seasonal use, access, kiosk with rules, schedule and notification of donations that contributed to the project. Live pitching protective screen is something the league could purchase with their grant money. How many balls will be

needed? Two dozen of each softballs and baseballs were already purchased.

Rules: 8 through 20 minus 12 and 15 from the sample provided.

New Business:

1. Resolution #PRAC20-01, Meeting schedule for 2020/2021. Motion by Butler, second by Hubbell.

Roll call vote: Butler-yes; Cosgrove-NA; Hubbell-yes; Leach-yes; Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes.

Motion carried.

2. Election of Officers:

Chair: Leach nominates Melton, second by Butler, Melton accepts.

Roll call vote: Cosgrove-NA; Hubbell-yes; Leach-yes; Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes; Butler-yes.

Vice Chair: Melton nominates Hubbell, second by Butler, Hubbell accepts.

Roll call vote: Hubbell-yes; Leach-yes; Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes; Cosgrove-NA.

Secretary: Butler nominates Leach, second by Hubbell, Leach accepts.

Roll call vote: Leach-yes; Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes; Butler-yes; Cosgrove-NA; Hubbell-yes.

Next regular meeting: February 10, 2020. Agenda: Budget; schedule net installation; trail signs; dug-outs

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary