

**Whitewater Township  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Minutes for Monday, February 8, 2016**

**Call to order 7:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean and Clerk Goss

**Set / Approve Agenda:**

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

**January 11, 2016, Regular Meeting:** Motion to approve by Leach, second by Butler. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:** Email public input and ADA report.

DNR inventory requirements, trails maps and pictures added by Clerk Goss. Plaques / Signs ordered for the various parks as required. Can add the DNR information as another appendix after the ADA report.

Correspondence with Supervisor Popp shared regarding adding the ADA report and the DNR inventory report.

Cosgrove: Prepare, review and update Rec Plan, plan amendments, per Clerk Goss, major amendments must be available for public comment with a public hearing to be adopted by the Board. If it is significant enough that we need to update language of the Plan to get a grant it should be treated as an amendment.

**Old Business:**

1. Final Review of the Rec Plan. Public input and Board comments. ADA report (17) and DNR Inventory, which is actually three reports (18, 19 & 20) will be added to the appendix list and to the document.

Public comments received via the website: 1. Rick Brown, East Bay Township, the North Country National Scenic Trail is not included but is depicted on appendix 9, map. It is in our township but not really maintained by the township. Possibly list with the "opportunities in Whitewater Township". Add a small blurb about the trail.

2. Vaughn Harshfield, format logical and effective and understandable. Thank you.

Email comments: 1. Hope you have included Paddle Antrim for input. 2. Thanks for the update (2)

Board comments:

Cosgrove recommends making the first five changes as proposed.

Bullet point 6: Appendix 5: Five watersheds vs. two watersheds. Five watersheds were mentioned in the original Rec Plan.

Follow up on information and map (Brandon) and update at the end. GT Bay Watershed which includes the sub watersheds of Elk River Chain of Lakes, Boardman River, Tobeco Creek and Yuba Creek in Whitewater Township.

Clerk will discuss with Supervisor about adding a Public Hearing to the February 23, Board meeting. Clerk will get public notice out as necessary for the public hearing.

Add a special meeting for February 22, to complete the final public comments before the Board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> where they may give final approval. Clerk will notice the special meeting. Then it may be possible to get it into the DNR by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Brandon will represent PRAC, Tom will try also to attend the Board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2. ADA report review from Disability Network will be added to Rec Plan appendix.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion on Grant / Project opportunities 2016/2017. Most of the grants are offered in the spring. Members can look for, investigate various grants that may be available. Possible playground equipment grants. Rotary, DNR, playandpark.com and other agencies offer funds for various projects. To keep the moment going we need to be investigating and moving forward quickly.

Special meeting scheduled for February 22, 2016, 7 p.m.

Next regular meeting March 14, 2016, 7 p.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois MacLean  
Recording Secretary