

Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
February 8, 2021

Call to order 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Melton, Slopsema

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda:

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Slopsema , second by Butler to approve January 11, 2021, meeting minutes. MacLean will review the recording and include more information regarding the survey results. Postpone to the March meeting.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Updates on current projects:

Dug-outs: No updates from Perfect Fence. Clerk will verify the getting on the spring schedule (April).

Benches in the dugouts are included in the budgeted price. Two aluminum benches with back rests approx. \$3000.

Clerk will send the quotes out to the committee, including the lead time.

Benches for the trails previously discussed. Clerk will check into the pricing. They will be fastened / chained. Six benches at \$200 each are in the budget. Leelanau TART Trail, on the way to Sutton's Bay and Boardman Lake, has benches – can investigate what they have. Melissa will check with TART. The GTBand is communicating with TART regarding continuing the bike trail this way at / through the Meijer property. Will get new numbers for budgeting.

Kiosks: Quote came in, included in the budget. \$225 for each kiosk install, one at BCNA, two on Lossie Trail. Installation of the cap is included in the price. Locations to be marked when the snow is gone.

Trail Signage: Melissa will send mileage info to the Clerk for the trail signs.

2. Survey Results: Need an intro of the Survey for the Rec Plan explaining public input so it can be posted on the website.

Melissa found it interesting that there were a lot of comments about playground equipment. Beach location was mentioned several times in the comments.

The Very Interested/Interested showed a lot of people want the trails maintained, mowed and cleared.

The road improvement was noted quite a bit, something to let the Township Board know.

The comments regarding Hi Pray were more positive than the answers to the questions seemed to indicate.

3. Parks and Rec Plan: Discussion: Melissa recommends waiting until after the 2020 Census data comes out since it should be available at the end of April for finalization of the Rec Plan.

Capital Improvements Schedule:

New bleachers do not seem to be a high priority – move from 1 to 18. Possibly the users of the bleachers could fund raise to get the bleachers replaced. The Youth Baseball organization may be able to donate funds to the township that could be used for new bleachers.

Run through the list:

Boat launch is already in the works. Permits are the next step. 2% Grant approved for \$20,000 for the boat launch.

#3&4: Request \$25,000 in the budget for professional input on the board walk and the bridge.

#5, #6 & #7: Request \$15,000 for the budget for evaluation and upgrades. Possibly work with the conservancy.

New Business:

1. Resolution #PRAC21-01, Meeting Schedule 2021/2022: Motion by Butler, second by Slopsema to approve Resolution PRAC #21-01. Roll call: Butler-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Slopsema-yes; Melton-yes; Hubbell-NA.

2. Budget: Discussed in the Capital Improvement Schedule discussion. General maintenance smaller projects.

Melissa and Linda will look into bench options for the trails.

Clerk will get info to Linda regarding the dugout benches.

Next regular meeting: March 8, 2021.

Agenda: Rec Plan review; finalize budget

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary