

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, February 11, 2019**

Call to order 7:19 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Hubbell, Leach

Absent: Cosgrove, Melton

Also in attendance Clerk Goss , notes and attendance

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment. None

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of January 21, 2019, by Leach, second by Butler . All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None.

Unfinished Business:

1. Trail Maps discussion of map and key changes. Color change of Lossie Road Nature Trail on parks map. Leach notes that there is no parking on the east end of the Lossie Road Nature Trail. Someone can talk to the school about using their adjacent acre of land for parking. Make parking large enough to park a bus. The plan is to make it an education trail with markings.

GT Conservancy will likely help with the education markings on the trail.

Clerk contacted the state regarding getting the Rec Plan map update. No full approval needed. We just need to have them update the two maps. Consensus to have the Clerk send the updated maps for update on the DNR website.

2. "Stay on Trail" signs have not been installed yet. Leach will get to that as soon as the weather allows.

3. Budget sheet presented.

Josh Tress will remove old dugouts, leveling in dugout and batting cage, install diamond dust, estimate of \$1,500 (not including the diamond dust)

Electrical work – Clerk will contact Alpine Electric for an estimate. Ryan Stibbs may be contacted.

Osprey nest removal, move over, in the spring before the bird returns.

Estimate for weed control.

Contact Kyle Riegle about racking and dragging. At some locations the parents take care of dragging and marking the fields; at others there is a maintenance person. Need to get it "arched" correctly then it would be easier for maintenance. The good chemicals are "restricted use" chemicals.

Cleaning and striping the courts.

Brush removal from around the fence.

Weed kill on the playground, maybe for \$100.

Playground inspection appointments have been made for April 25, by JC Walker. \$750.

Garden area at Hi Pray.

Painting shed.

Remove brush along the road at Petobego.

Signage and kiosks.

Looks like a complete list for Rec.

The Clerk will bring the budget back and will make needed adjusted with the Board.

WTP playground equipment, possibly add a slide, possibly a picnic table(have) or pedestal picnic table(buy) and/or bench(buy).

4. Hi Pray batting cage: Diamond dust, leveling and net – discussed. Batting cage use: GTC has no pitching machine, Milton has no rules about the batting cage (theirs is not covered). Will discuss at the next meeting.

Barb Beckett with YMCA in TC: wants to know the distance between the bases, the distance to the fence, can the distances be changed and is alcohol allowed at both fields. There were league rules. At the Civic Center it is not allowed in the playground area or the fields but it is allowed in the parking lot. Pavilion rental requires proof of proper home owners insurance if people will be consuming alcohol. Melissa thinks the bases are measured out for softball and little league. Map of ball fields with dimensions. YMCA could buy and bring in a portable / removable pitching mound if they need that.

There is a map in the Rec Plan.

5. Swings for WTP playground are in. Need the hooks – not S hooks, need specific hooks. May need to order.

Bolts for merry-go-round will be needed.

Campground playground won't take a whole lot more work.

Will plan a couple thousand for the Park Fund budget for finishing landing zone, brush and possibly landscaping.(English ivy?)

Discussion of WTP beach playground equipment – it will be determined by the inspection. The slide may, possibly, be able to be salvaged if an additional platform could be added.

New Business:

1. Schedule projects:

Signs will be discussed with the Conservancy walk through. They will need to schedule their walk through in April.

When to do the Hi Pray dugouts? – Rotary Good Works and Tribal grants toward the dugouts, batting cage, pitching machine, shed and tennis backboard totally \$12,500.

Net to protect the building from being hit when using the pitching machine or some way to protect the building. Net vs. screen or fence. It is permanent. Net keeps the balls from ricocheting. Net would have to be secured at the bottom – it will be heavy.

Remove the dugouts as soon as possible then concrete will need to be marked out. Call to get on Josh's schedule.

Clerk will check the permit. Land Use Permits are needed at a specific building size. It is just a matter of paperwork.

Next regular meeting: March 11, 2019. Agenda: slide for WTP; use of batting cage guidelines and rules – keys for leagues, etc.; information on the net for batting cage/pitching machine (size, design); dugout concrete;

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary