

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

**Call to order 7:03 p.m.**

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

Absent:

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

**Set / Approve Agenda:** Set

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of minutes:**

**Motion** by Butler, second by Melton, to approve January 11, 2021, meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Butler-yes ; Cosgrove-yes ; Hubbell-na ; Melton-yes ; Slopsema-yes Motion carried.

**Motion** by Slopsema , second by Butler, to approve February 8, 2021, meeting minutes as adjusted. Roll call vote: Cosgrove-yes; Hubbell-na; Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes; Butler-yes; Motion carried.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Updates on current projects:

Dug-outs: Clerk heard from Barb at Perfect Fence for an update on the new price quote and status of the 2.5" clamps. Clerk let them know that we need this done as soon as possible before the permit expires and little league is ready to start May 1. Barb seems to understand that time is of the essence at this late date.

Melton would like to do a grand opening of the batting cages and kick the season off. Melton will speak with Amber Voice of the little league about clean up, diamond dust and a professional drag. Maybe do it in conjunction with some park and field clean up in May. Melissa will contact the middle and high school. Brandon will help with the diamond dust.

Discussion of the plaques of recognition for the batting cage and dug outs for Rotary and The Tribe.

Dug-out Benches: Multiple choices brought together for benches. Prefer benches with the back. Discussion of the various choices of benches. A+ Concrete quote for the concrete work was previously approved.

Consensus to go with the Spartan benches. Cheryl will get them ordered and delivered to Northpoint Farms.

Consensus to order more softballs and baseballs to have a total of three dozen each.

Trail Benches: Six benches at WTP and two for BCNA. 60139 Lifetime convertible benches from Amazon. Students from ER would like to help putting them together and installing them per Melissa. Possibly get tarps for the benches at the parks since they will not be able to be taken in each year.

2. 2021/2022 Budget: The budget was presented to the board and it was okay. Final budget approval will be March 23.

Discussion of repair of ball field lights at Hi Pray.

Tennis net replacement.

3. Parks and Rec Plan: Need to add or update descriptions and public input information. Add the survey as an appendix. Run through the DNR check list and compare to the plan. Census info should be out by the end of up April so hopefully we can get everything else done wrapped up, or close, to finalize.

Tart Trail – Chris Cushman. Tart system at one point was looking to come this way to go north. Ultimately, they decided on going up US31 through Acme into Elk Rapids. They are always interested in looking and evaluating. There is a project that the N MI Mountain Biking Association is looking to go from VASA to Kalkaska.

Has there been any discussion on the playground for Whitewater. Money is set aside and the whole project has been quoted and it will be updated.

Boat launch project is moving forward. It will not be done until fall, after Labor Day.

**New Business:**

1. None.

**Next regular meeting:** April 12, 2021.

Agenda: Rec Plan review;

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois MacLean  
Recording Secretary