

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, March 12, 2018**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment. None

Approval of February 12, 2018, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION by Hubbell, second by Butler to approve the minutes. On voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Clerk Goss email: Paddle Antrim grant opportunity – possibly for a separate landing beach for canoes and kayaks. Possibly where the volleyball court area is currently. Park could buy and rent kayaks and canoes. Park could let a vendor in to rent kayaks, etc. and collect a fee.

Unfinished Business:

1. Parks & Rec budget 2018: Rec Fund budget request: \$39,728; Park approximately \$4,444. Park and Rec budgets were approved as presented. March 20 is the public hearing for final approval.
2. BCNA, appendix 9 & 14: GIS office update: Need a GPS, handheld Garmin, for the county to have the coordinates for the map. Denny may be able to get one from someone. Map-It is a mobile GIS / GPS app.
3. DNR or other grant writing updates. Lessons learned on grant writing opportunities – we really don't have the required personnel to qualify for the one DNR grant.
Decker: Went to the Water-way DNR grant writing training. Lots of good information. They want very large projects and they want all of the authority. Probably a three year project. Lots of information (\$\$) is necessary for the application. No construction can start until they say. Pre inspection, permits, reimburse after we pay for it, inspection reports, receipts, up to two years for funding to be approved by legislature (which is after the approval by the DNR). They are responsible for nothing and in charge of everything. Really need a very big project over many years. They do a lot of marina projects and break water projects.
There are other DNR grants besides the water-way grants available.
Large trails, the walking trail (a new structure) at Hi Pray Park may be an option. Converting the one ball field to a soccer field would (may) be something that they would work with.

Dodgeball leagues are getting to be more popular.

MLB and /or Little League Association. Grants are ready to be presented. Rotary grant is ready to go. 2% grant with the Tribe for the June cycle for the batting cages. Chuck will help the boys get the grant information together for presentation to the GTB for the June cycle.

Would really like to have someone who oversees and runs the using of the softball fields.

Information on metal detecting on public property. A gentleman was confronted by the “President of Whitewater Township” at Hi Pray Park. Sounds like a public relations disaster.

New Business:

1. Tentative scheduling of projects:

WWT playground equipment installation: Significant size project. Get the sand blasting, painting of all of the equipment first. Possibly six weeks to get back from Wheelock. Plan for the end of May or beginning of June? Make the final list in April: chain, swing seats, excavating, etc. to get purchase orders from Clerk.

For projects that were already approved we can move forward:

Once the budget is approved Chuck will go to the Clerk for a purchase order for the shed.

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Hi Pray batting cage: mid April through May for the Little League in June. May 19-20 tentative.

BCNA & Lossie Trail signage/upgrades: We are going to put in for grant money.

Road signs for the park entrance approved by board? Remind Cheryl to have Board approve.

Other projects for scheduling or discussion: Maintenance, landscaping – remove the bushes and the berms, leave the trees, plant grass at Hi Pray Park. Bid out for the lawn maintenance guy.

Next regular meeting: April 9, 2018

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary