

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, March 14, 2016**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Melton, Cosgrove, Leach, Hubbell

Absent: Butler

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes of February 8, and February 22. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 8, 2016, and the special meeting of February 22, 2016, by Cosgrove, second by Hubbell. All in favor. Motion carried

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. Park and Rec Plan status. Discussion of Clerk email regarding Plan being submitted online and is currently awaiting approval by the DNR. Because of the April 1 deadline there wasn't going to be enough time to generate grant, have public hearing/comments and have Township Board make a resolution to allow us to submit for grants to the DNR. Therefore, the DNR Representative will be reviewing our plan for approval, but it will not be processed as a priority to have complete before grant application deadline.
2. MiGrants online registration is a tool to apply for grants through the DNR. Clerk Goss is set up as the administrator and has set up the PRAC Chair, Melton, to have access as well. Once a grant opportunity is identified and we want to start the grant application the Clerk will start the process online and then further set up and changes can be made by Melton or Goss.

New Business:

1. PRAC Budget discussion. The question came up if left over funds from the previous fiscal year budget could be carried over to potentially spend on a capital project? Another question: Where does the \$75,000 come from that shows as Capital Improvements transfer for the Parks 2016 budget item? These questions will be submitted to the Clerk.
2. Grants / Project opportunities for 2016/2017. Cosgrove asked how we should proceed. Melton offered that we should review the items as described in our proposed Plan's Capital Improvements Schedule. This committee should review and then discuss with the Township Board how they want us to proceed and how we can best assist to move projects forward. The list of projects was reviewed and discussed by the PRAC to determine which projects we should look into further for potential funding opportunities (not through the DNR but other potential grants in the area). Cosgrove and Hubbell both have connections to the local Rotary and will find out more information. Leach and Cosgrove offered to investigate potential playground equipment. Melton to get cost estimates on baseball dugout upgrades and possible walking trail project. Hubbell has connections to YMCA daycare that is upgrading their playground equipment and will investigate what type, how/who they purchased from and what they are doing with items they are not re-using when they move, etc.
3. Next regular meeting March 14, 2016, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary