

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, March 16, 2020**

Call to order 7:04 p.m.

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

Absent: Leach

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: Approval of minutes:

Motion by Cosgrove second by Butler to approve the February 10, 2020, meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Clerk Goss explained the Recreation Fund 2020/2021 Plan and Budget document and answered questions.

Melton suggested LEDs for the ballfield lights and noted rebates are available.

Park Fund 2020/2021 Plan and Budget document discussed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Batting Cage: Melton had proposed April 18 as the day to hang the net at the batting cage. After a brief discussion, consensus to delay and to discuss at the April 13 meeting. It will likely take four to six people to install.
2. Whitewater Township Park playground: Melton attended a webinar regarding the general maintenance of playground equipment. The webinar was presented by PlayCore, a major playground equipment manufacturer. When you have a facility being used on a regular basis it is good to have some type of protocol on equipment maintenance, repairs and safety concerns. Melton will provide some checklists that can be used at the township's playgrounds to keep an eye out for problems.
3. Trail Signs: Goss will get the changes to Image 360 and will get a per-sign price.
4. High Pray Park Dugouts: Melton did some investigation on some different options. Hubbell said he contacted Jacklyn Steel for a price for a package. Pictures of options using a fabric mesh top instead of a metal or wooden structure. Tarps Now had a large selection of options. Hubbell said GT Canvas cannot give a price until they see it. A 12'x24' mesh is about \$200 plus shipping. The mesh would give protection from wind and sun but not from rain. Slopsema will follow up with Apple Fence. Goss will contact Sportsfield Specialties to get a price. Hubbell will follow up with GT Canvas and will also call Perfect Fence for a quote. The size will be 10'x24'

New Business:

Covid-19 discussion of closure of parks. Cosgrove said we have a fiduciary responsibility to send a recommendation to the Township Board to close Whitewater Township Park.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Melton that the Whitewater Township Board talks about gatherings, talk about closing the park and any gatherings over 10 people. Upon roll call vote:

Butler – yes; Cosgrove – yes; Hubbell – yes; Melton – yes; Leach – NA; Slopsema – yes.

Motion carried.

Next regular meeting: April 13, 2020.

Melton recommends looking at teleconference options. It would be prudent, if we want to try to continue, whether the committee can or would want to have a Web-X or webinar type meeting. Melton explained Web-X.

Discussion.

At this point the plan is to meet in April.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary