

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
March 21, 2023**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Glenn

Also present: Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Consensus to add Park toddler playground equipment as Unfinished Business e (5) and add 2% Tribal Grant as New Business d (4).

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

MOTION by Butler, second by Cosgrove to approve February 21, 2023, meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Butler-yes; Voice-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Melton-yes; Hubbell-yes. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Hi Pray Park and BCNA will be discussed during those parts of the meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. BCNA tree removal completion budget quote to be presented to the Board with a memo and a map of the area.
2. Lossie Trail wetland and improvements: EGLE preconstruction walk through scheduled for April 11 at 10 a.m. at the Cook Road trailhead with Steve Largent and Steve Lagerquist, landscape architect Kevin with Gosling Czubak will not be able to attend as initially anticipated.
3. Lossie/BCNA trail signage – will get a map laminated to put up.
4. PRAC bylaws read through and discussion. Consensus for Melton to present the amended bylaws to the Board for approval.
5. Whitewater Township Park toddler playground equipment was not addressed by the board during budget. The committee feels “Ghosted” by the Board regarding the information that was sent for the budget. Melton will resend the emails and package of information that was presented in January for budget including the maintenance items and playground equipment. The board did not approve funds for the playground equipment. They did approve the maintenance items.
Need to know what the board does and does not want the PRAC to address.

New Business:

1. SPARKS / Hi Pray walking trail steps that need to be taken to present a grant request. Move forward on the engineer work to get better info for the grant. Board has approved the budget for doing a boundary survey at Hi Pray. Go green (solar) on the lights – might be grant funds available for being a “green” project. Resubmit the first project with some updates that include that GT County ARPA funds were approved. Also, do the walking trail as the second grant request. Second submission date for SPARKS has not been announced.
2. BCNA trail loop land conservancy meeting. Reengage Steve Largent on the project: Steve indicates that the trail would be more sustainable if it were run through the trees instead of the open field.

May need to take the pond out in the future.

May need more easement from the property owner.

Brandon will look at the property easement information, should be available on county records.

3. Discuss communication with board on local ARPA funding direction. PRAC is trying to move forward on the items as brought forth from the public input of the ARPA and PRAC surveys and the Rec Plan capital improvement list but PRAC does not know what the Board has in mind regarding what they would be in favor of moving forward.

Melton will put a memo to the board for preliminary or conceptual drawings.

4. 2% Tribal Grant opportunity or Donation fund at Turtle Creek – connection is Barbara on the donation board. Large chunks of money would go through the 2% grant process. Amber will get the information to and from Barb for a donation and the note that we have a matching donation offer.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary