

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, April 11, 2016**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of March 14, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion by Cosgrove to approve with next meeting date correction, second by Hubbell. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None

Old Business:

1. Update on Parks and Recreation Plan status. Email from Clerk Goss regarding the DNR approval-no notification yet. New plan provided for each member. Discussion on Clerk Goss' explanation of funding and budget carry overs. Funds that have been approved for projects by the Board are carried over to be spent on the approved projects. Specifically the pit toilets at the boat launch are being looked at for replacement. The staircase at Whitewater Twp. Park is scheduled to be replaced this year.
2. DNR Mi-Grants website registration/up-load of plan; status – no notification received from the DNR.

New Business:

1. Discussion on Grant / Project opportunities 2016/2017 –
2. Review information researched by PRAC members on potential projects costs (ie Dugouts, playground equipment, trail paving, etc.)

Hubbell notes that Rotary does not do grants for playground equipment any longer. They do grants for other projects, trails, walking path, toilets, etc. They have a free grant workshop each year in the summer. No date scheduled yet. Other foundations – Schmuckal Family Foundation, Olsen Family Foundation, GT Regional Foundation – Steve Wade.

Cosgrove presented information he has gathered. The East Bay Park playground equipment was about \$20,000, 10 years ago, probably \$30,000 now. YMCA Natural Playground pics provided but no investigation of pricing done.

Check out some other parks' equipment. Possibly look at a section for one year and another section in another year.

If we can come up \$10,000 will the Board match so we can go for matching grants funds? Everything has to go through the Board.

Rotary will possibly do matching funds, up to \$3000, for playground equipment. Rotary's next deadline is September 1.

There are more funds available for Whitewater Twp. Park, since it is self funded.

Hi Pray Park is perceived as a more community / residentially used park.

We can get some approximate costs of playground equipment and walking trails.

Pre-fab Dug-outs are \$19,000 (economy) to \$30,000, not including installation. Current dug-outs are in pretty rough shape.

Look at it as a whole project: walking trail, playground equipment, dugouts, parking lots. Go for something small this year.

Cosgrove to contact Carl, he may be willing to do a presentation to the Board.

Disc golf course idea discussion.

Let's see what the township will let us work on. Come back with some cost projections that can be taken to the Board.

Park Fund and Rec Fund are separate. Park Fund projects may be more do-able for this year.
Look at costs of walking trail info, two playgrounds equipment, dugouts, toilets for WWT Park.
Work bee to clean up the walking path at WWT Park and check the benches 2"x8" x 3' for upgrade possibly during the free camping weekend in May 13.

Continue fact finding before making a suggestion / recommendation to the Board: These are the areas we are looking at: walking trail info (Brandon), two playgrounds equipment (Tom), dugouts (Melissa), toilets (Brandon, Melissa).
Is the Board interested in matching some funds?

Cosgrove: Board minutes indicate there may be property available locally for soccer fields. Is there any further information available regarding this?

Public Comment

Next regular meeting May 9, 2016, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary