

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
In-Person and VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
April 12, 2021**

Call to order 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Hubbell, Melton

Zoom: Cosgrove, Traverse City, MI,

Absent: Slopsema

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Correction of the date of the minutes of March 8, agenda indicated January & February.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Butler, second by Hubbell, to approve March 8, 2021, meeting minutes as adjusted. Roll call vote: Butler-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Hubbell-yes; Melton-yes; Slopsema-na Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Park dug outs - quote discussion including brief history. The old dug outs have been removed. New quote from Perfect Fence is over a 300% increase in the price. Goss read through an email received from Perfect Fence with a run through of why the huge price increase. What are the options now? We have an engineered set of plans from Fleis & Vanden Brink.

- a. go to the board and ask for approval.
- b. ask if Perfect Fence will quote the materials only
- c. requote from others based on drawing
- d. go back to Beacon for a quote
- e. get an updated quote from Lynn Bartosik
- f. consider a cement block build

Melton would like us to get the free standing benches in and then concrete them in when we are ready.

Little League practice starts May 1.

Melton and Slopsema will work on additional quotes.

Hubbell will get info from Jacklyn steel for the frame. Labor, roof and fence would have to added.

Clerk has gotten the permit extended.

Should we go to the board and ask for the approval and work on getting different quotes trying to bring it down? There is \$16,755.00 in the budget already approved for dugouts. Can we move dollars from other project line items into the dugouts? Approximately \$15,000 short to make the project happen.

Clerk will order the stand alone benches and ask the board to add the \$15,000 additional expense.

2. Updates on projects: Benches for the park trails: Clerk indicates that if the one ranger comes back to work this year we may be able to go with less expensive rustic wood benches similar to what is already there.

WTP playground equipment, asking the board for \$18,000+ for the playground area. Jahrs can do it this year before the park opens.

Community clean-up day / Grand opening May 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Hi Pray Park. Kasson Sand and Gravel diamond dust for both fields, same as last time, 34-35 yards, half on each field.

Kiosks are ready to go in after the playground at the park is done. Need to mark where the kiosks are going to go. BCNA will go in the same spot. Melissa will mark the Lossie Trail when the timing is right with Steve Jahrs.

3. Parks and Rec Plan: Melton sent the updated Rec Plan including the survey results.

Specific dates will be included when ready / completed.

Census data should be out by the end April.

Discussion of the beach and an additional beach location at WTP.

Staff description and organizational information is complete the way it is already stated.

Accessibility evaluation, there has not been enough changes to warrant getting a new evaluation.

Resources / Inventory / Self Certification check list – Cheryl.

Status report for all DNR grant funded projects: the boat launch project should be included as in-progress with expected completion of spring of 2022. BCNA management plan requirements – can indicate that most of the trails were cleaned up after an August 2015 storm that caused heavy damage.

Melton will send the draft plan out for the next meeting.

New Business:

1. None.

Next regular meeting: May 10, 2021.

Agenda: Rec Plan review;

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary