

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
VIA CONFERENCE CALL
Regular Minutes for Monday, April 13, 2020**

Call to order 7:03 p.m.

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

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

This is all new for us.

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment:

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Cosgrove second by Butler to approve the March 16, 2020, meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Melton reading from a message from the Supervisor. Renee's House of Quilting is offering face masks to anyone who would like to get these personal protection equipment items.

Playground maintenance inspection guide available.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Batting Cage: Schedule net installation work bee potentially for May 2. Melton will coordinate with Hubbell on what items are still needed to get the net installed.
2. Whitewater Township Park and Hi Pray Park playground:
 - a. Annual maintenance checks. Check lists in the guide book. Discussion: Inspect the equipment at the beginning of the season and at the end of the season in case something needs to be taken care of and could be included in the budget. Do we need to have a certified inspector come in for this? Do we know how other townships handle their playground maintenance and inspections?
We just want to make sure the playground areas are kept up. Need a plan.
 - b. Adult Fitness program webinar information. Could be in a walking trail, natural area. Could be perfect for the proposed walking trail area at Hi Pray. Could also be incorporated in with the playground equipment that is there. Is there an interest?
The walking path at Hi Pray could be the next big thing for PRAC for our community. Look at what was proposed previously and take the next steps. Clerk Goss was talking with Fleis and VandenBrink. They indicate grant money is available out there. A firm like them (or them) could be beneficial in getting the plans together and securing funding.
3. Trail Signs:
 - a. "You are here" maps / signs update: Image 360 has been given the updates. Have not heard back from them. Any word on the other trail maps? (Discuss at the next meeting)
No Motorized Vehicles – Hubbell was going to pick them up from Gill-Roys (use t-posts). Leach is still willing to put the signs up once acquired.
 - b. Board has approved budget to widen trails. Do we need to get bids, etc.? Discussion at the board level was mostly about what type of equipment could be used. No particular person or contractor was discussed. Possibly get Avery Excavating to look at it. Budgeted \$3,000 for each Lossie and BCNA, totally \$6,000.

c. Discussion of kiosks. Didn't get specifics from the Land Conservancy. Money budgeted. Melton to contact. Leach indicates they could be made easily, rather inexpensively. Include map, park rules from the Image 360.

4. High Pray Park Dugouts:

a. Mesh fabric options, no additional information

b. Fencing options, sounds like Slopsema has been getting the run around. Durable Fence did come through with a very decent quote. Goss is investigating local powder coated fence, will follow up.

Hoping for maintenance free. Goss will send the plans.

Discussion regarding roofing ideas, mesh ideas, various materials, removal of existing, benches, etc.

Other pre-fab or engineered options.

Make the decision at the next meeting.

New Business: None.

Next regular meeting: May 11, 2020. Teleconference call and/or WebX if necessary.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary