

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Regular Meeting
May 9, 2022**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Hubbell, Slopsema, Voice
Absent: Melton available via Zoom

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment:

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Butler to approve March 14, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Butler, second by Cosgrove to approve April 11, 2022, meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

AmericanTrails fund application has been submitted for the 2022 award cycle – the inaugural year – of the [Trail Fund](#). They will be making their determination on the 15th. They received a total of 292 applications requesting \$3 million of funds with \$50,000 available.

Have we gotten any confirmation on funding of what seems to be “use it or lose it”? That is what happened this year. Park funds can only be used at the Whitewater Township Park based on accounting rules and regulations. Possible deed restrictions.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Park dug-outs: The Board packet for their meeting has the proposal for the wood dugouts as proposed by Lynn Bartosik. \$8542 for parts, fencing \$1000, plus labor and diamond dust, amounts to \$18,672. Shoreline Power services is donating materials and labor for the lights repair at the ball fields. That \$3000+ is being used toward the dugouts.

2. Park Playground: Approved at the Board meeting in April to get the equipment in and to get the concrete poured by the bathhouse. Dirt moving and grating has been done. The monkey bars are getting reinforced and reset. Merry-go-round will be put back in. Swing set is being moved.

May want to plant some trees.

3. BCNA & Lossie Trail tree removal RFP: The Board approved a hazardous tree removal agreement. 18 or 19 bid packages are being sent out.

4. Lossie Trail wetland, bridge improvements, Largent email: Culvert for the wet area. Hoping that not all of the funds for the tree removal will be used. That would leave some funds left for Rec. Discussion ensued.

Foot bridge updates.

The beach is going to continue to be a problem, utilize a dock, control erosion measures. To help mediate, small pebbles would help slow down wave action. Ultimately, there is too much wave action in the other area. Incorporate an upper beach area and have a platform to a dock station.

Steve has no price for anything at this time.

Their group is a good value for the money. There is no charge for equipment use. They only charge for labor and materials and the labor is at a major cost savings. Looking to when we can get funds to use. Develop a game plan. If we can get the plan approved by the board we can get a DNR grant in. Have to have a project ready to go because they do matching funds.

5. Park beach site visit with Largent recommendations, in previous discussion. Water is still lapping up to the fabric. Pea gravel would be used to slow down the wave action. There is a plan to put more sand at the top of the hill. There has been caution tape. Some kind of sign, fence or barrier could be put up.
6. Appointment of new PRAC member The Supervisor is not bringing Amber Voice up for appointment.

New Business:

1. Hi Pray playground sand and general clean up on May 14, 9 a.m. to noon Sand has been ordered. South fence line is all falling off the posts. Must be reattached to posts. Brandon will pick up fasteners for the fence and zip ties for the batting cage net.

The removal of the burn pile has been approved. Gravel will be added and spread throughout the whole drive and parking area.

Tennis nets are going up next weekend.

Electronic locks will be done this spring / summer.

Tennis courts were cleaned a couple years ago. Needs to be done this year or next.

A lot of trees and brush on the back ballfield that need to be addressed.

Can the mower get right up close to the fence, especially on the back ballfield? Clear everything a mower width away from the fence and the mower could get up close.

A local Gleaner Arbor is donating and delivering sand for the Hi Pray Park playground area. This project worked nicely with their project and bringing lunch for all of the workers Young marines are volunteering hours. Perfect size project for them.

Get name and address to Cheryl on this person for a thank you.

Lynn is checking the two quotes on the dugout material bids.

Next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2022

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean, Recording Secretary