

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, June 5, 2017
At the Battle Creek Natural Area**

Call to order 6 p.m.

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

Absent: Alternate Decker

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean, Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Update on Hi-Pray Park playground equipment. Had a good turnout for completing the project. It looks great! Rebar to stake the edging down is the last that needs to be completed. The pavilion has already been rented out for this coming weekend.

There is playground equipment available to bid on from East Bay, 8 person swings, monkey bars and a merry-go-round. Motion by Cosgrove, second by Butler to request the board approve bidding up to \$800 on the East Bay Township surplus playground equipment. All in favor. Motion carried. Clerk Goss will set up and place the bid(s) if approved by the board.

Walk through of the Battle Creek Natural Area (BCNA):

The goal is to evaluate the trail, fence, signage and platform, and to see how well or how poorly the trail is able to be navigated to see if there are options to make it an educational path to the lake.

Though the trail is nearly impassable in places the group was able to make it to the bench at Elk Lake.

There is LOTS of work to be done to make it an actual trail again.

The trail that was cleared by the tree "removal" company after the August 2015 storm runs right along a private property line as it gets closer to the lake.

The BCNA map in the Rec Plan is wrong. It indicates BCNA property on the previous Kettlewell property.

The trail to the pond is much more navigable. Checked the pond, grates, etc. and got some history of the pond area from Leach.

Next regular meeting July 10, 2017.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary