

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, June 11, 2018**

Call to order 7:06 p.m.

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

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean and Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Melton will refrain from any voting on the batting cages if there are any votes.

Public Comment. None

Approval of April 9, 2018, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION by Cosgrove, second Leach by to approve the minutes. On voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of May 14, 2018, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION by Butler, second by Leach to approve the minutes. On voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Email regarding the grant approval: Rotary Good Works was approved for the full \$5,000 that was requested. They have a sign or two that they would like to have displayed.

Education, activities and safety are the main areas that there are grants available. Will look into more.

The Tribe 2% grant has been submitted for the dugouts and the trails. They like to see that other entities have contributed so the Rotary grant could be of benefit in that way also.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Park Batting Cage Community Project: budget, next steps and revised scheduling: The zoning administrator did confirm that an LUP and a permit from the county would be required for the roof for the batting cage. County requires an engineered stamped drawing. Mark Pressell indicates he can get it back to the PRAC within a week. The Board will need to approve the drawings. The ZA will issue the LUP. The contractor will take it to the county for the permit. Optimistically looking at an August start time. The batting cage can be used before the roof is on. Clerk is going to check on the electrical.

Pitching machine is in the equipment room at Hi Pray.

Once the pitching machine is assembled it can be used with an extension cord of Whitewater Township using the batting cage. Can the pitching machine be hooked up to be coin operated? Can look into that.

Discussion: Drop-ins vs. scheduled. Per hour vs. per ball. The equipment is set up for and the focus is on the little league teams.

2. BCNA Amendment mapping: XHunt app. Needs to be able to be saved or shared.

Goss notes that Paddle Antrim is establishing a water trail. The board gave approval for a rest stop only at BCNA and a trail head at Whitewater Township Park. There is an area near the boat launch that is being looked at for a kayak, paddleboard and canoe launching area. Road ends are controlled by the county road commission.

Discussion of primitive camping. The state approves camp sites.

3. Whitewater Township Park Playground equipment installation.

Wheelock has brought the equipment up to the park and is ready for a work-bee to prepare for installation.

Schedule the prep work-bee with Brandon. Brian, a ranger at the park, can put some of it together. Sub-committee of

Brandon, Brian, Cheryl and Melissa to connect for deciding where the equipment can go.

4. Tentative scheduling of other projects BCNA signage to do in the future. Berm clean out at Hi Pray and then mulch. Melissa talked to NMC and there are students that work with companies. NMC Internship programs have worked with 365 Outdoors (our snowplow company). There are a few people on the line that may be interested.

New Business:

1. Petobego trail head was mowed today. Will get a quote to do some cleanup so the park is more visible. The kiosk needs to be updated.

Denny: Skegemog Pt. Rd. / Lossie Rd. property owner is complaining about people being on his property and giving people a hard time using the road. Needs to be addressed with the township. "Private property" and "stay on trail" signs need to be put up.

Everything looks good down at the pond.

Historical society has investigated the names of Battle Creek (Bottle Creek) and the Lossie Trail (Swamp Trail).

Melissa: Investigate with the school to have the property at BCNA given to the township which could be used for parking. Or, see if the school will just let the township use the area for parking.

Next regular meeting: July 9, 2018

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary