

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, July 10, 2017**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Decker, Melton

Absent: Hubbell, Leach

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean, Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of May 8, 2017, June 5, 2017 Regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Melton, second by Cosgrove to approve May meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Butler to approve June meeting minutes. All in Favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Grant Writing Check list from Decker.

Unfinished Business:

1. Discussion of walk-through of BCNA evaluation of platform/trail/signage potential project. There is a lot of damage/downed trees out there.

Map needs to be corrected in the Rec Plan.

Discussion of the original BCNA plan. In lieu of the devastation from the 8/2/2015 storm, the platform doesn't make much sense to be at the lake. Maybe it can be moved to a more useable location.

Trail to the pond is in great shape. Possibly put a couple benches there and add to it later.

Signage to direct toward Hubner pond with distance.

Sign to wetland toward the lake (no trail)

Move the bench at the lake to the pond.

Add signage to make it an educational trail?

Viewing platform at the pond instead of at the lake.

Rotary likes benches (and picnic tables) – for grants.

Get some costs of benches, picnic table and decking/viewing platform.

The group should check out the Lossie Road Nature Trail.

Nice deck at the park has been cleaned up and they've moved picnic tables and a grill to it.

Five to six benches, two for the playground, one for the tennis courts, and/or one at the basketball court, two for BCNA.

Posts between the tennis court and basketball court.

Posts to designate parking off Old M72 for the tennis court.

Possibly a batting cage between the tennis court and basketball court or up near the ball diamond. MLB grant?

2. Playground equipment for Whitewater Park, status/updates, workbee needed? Got the equipment from East Bay Township for \$540. The swings and monkey bars are in good shape. The merry-go-round will need some TLC. The park rangers are looking to get part of it set up at the volley ball court area at the park. The swings and possibly some of the chains will need to be replaced. Brian Cobb, park ranger, is willing to work on it – would appreciate some help. Goss to

check, get some dates and will communicate via e-mail. CRM in Traverse City to do the sand blasting of the merry-go-round, get an estimate. Josh Melton will check on the bearing. Can get a replacement bearing from Detroit Ball Bearing.

3. Rotary Grant. Rotary Good Works does not generally do grants to governmental agencies. Decker is willing to work with the Little League Association to put the grant request together in their name.

New Business:

1. Discussion of projects. Decker has been working on grants and has information to share. Go for something big? Checklist discussion. Requires a lot of detail. They like to see that there are other project funds, maps, site plans, volunteers for work, time line, execution, maintenance, etc. What will be the possible impact on use? A grant is a contract, not a gift. Have to report back. Grant funds reimburse. Application narrative can be simple and customized for each project - simple.

Looking at projects into the future.

Go through Capital Improvement list.

Need signs at the roads for all the walking trails.

Pick and choose what we want to work on.

Bathroom doors locked during ball game. Who to contact?

Next regular meeting August 14, 2017.

Agenda items: Decide where we want to spend PRAC time, effort and money.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary