

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, July 11, 2016**

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Melton, Cosgrove, Decker, Leach

Absent: Hubbell, Butler

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean and Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of May 9, 2016 Minutes: Motion to approve by Cosgrove second by Leach. All in favor. Motion carried

Approval of June 13, 2016, Minutes: Motion to approve by Cosgrove second by Decker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business:

1. Update on Parks and Recreation Plan status with DNR. No information back yet. (Clerk to follow-up.)
 2. Grant and project opportunities: Looking for local opportunities. 2% Grant applied to the Tribe for playground equipment, boat launch dock and the stairs at the Park. The stairs are costing \$8900, work is in progress. Road repair in the Park is going to have to be done as soon as possible to address the drainage problems. (Clerk will email a copy of the Grant to all)
- Lloyd Lawson mentioned getting grants through MLB for the ball parks.

New Business:

1. Board meeting minutes: Management plans have to be addressed (part of the Capital Improvements list).

Hi-Pray Pavilion roof has been completed.

Benak had taken a class regarding grants and writing and shared some of the information.

Budget for next year's projects need to be discussed by January for approval in the budget. Present some project ideas with preliminary costs. Park Fund is from / for Whitewater Township Park and is self funded. The rest of the parks are handled through the Recreation Fund. Current budget explanation discussed. Playground equipment is under the umbrella of the PRAC, \$3,200, at this point.

Training/Grant writing class funds are available for up to two members of this committee to take a class at NMC. Funds are available for a grant tracking person.

Discussion of getting a few Disc Golf baskets placed, possibly up at Whitewater Township Park. PRAC will investigate. More likely for next year's budget than this year.

2. Discussion of the walk through at the Park: Looks like we have some money available for playground equipment. Simple, rugged equipment. Metal or plastic or wood. What can we get for \$3200? Swings? Zip-line? Monkey bars? Individual items? (Chuck to bring info to the next meeting). We should have a response from the Tribe by the next meeting. We have to be looking ahead to the next budget year.

Pit toilets discussion: Plans to be drawn out. Arrow Homes has been contacted to possibly come in and give an idea of the costs of getting it in. Pre-fab buildings are all in one and easily maintained. It will still be a pump system with flush toilets.

Get an estimate. (Cheryl will contact Arrow Homes for an estimate)

Melissa has been talking to visitors to the park. The dock size is the biggest complaint, then the pit toilets, then the roads, then the playground equipment.

Cheryl: Specific request from Benak, look to get doggie bags at Hi-Pray. Hippo sack pet bags: www.godogiepot.com. Designated dog walk area? Sign to encourage cleaning up after their dogs. (Leach) Two posts and trash receptacles.

Next regular meeting August 8, 2016, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary