

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, August 8, 2016**

Call to order 7:14 p.m.

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

Absent: Melton

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of July 11, 2016 Minutes: Remove last line of New Business 1, regarding park management. Motion to approve as revised by Leach, second by Cosgrove. All in favor. Motion carried

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Dog feces disposal bags information shared. Discussion about pet disposal options. Motion by Cosgrove to recommend the Township spend up to \$400 to buy two pet disposal stations and bags for Hi-Pray Park, second by Butler. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

1. Update on Parks and Recreation Plan status with DNR. Goss: Uploaded but no notification of approval yet.
2. DNR MI Rec Grants website registration/up-load of plan status. Uploaded but no notification yet.
3. Grants/Projects opportunities: No information back on 2% Grant from the Tribe. Hubbell will check with Rotary Clubs.

Stairway completed at WTP.

4. Review PRAC research on potential project costs.

a.) Playground Equipment update by Decker. Four swings, monkey bars and bench (pages 177 & 184). Burke equipment designed for self-installation, \$5,449. Miracle Midwest came through at \$7,105 self-installed, \$15,660 installed by them. Both companies are quality equipment with guarantee. Both provide company rep for installation over-sight guidance. Decker recommends having it installed by them there-by including installation guarantee.

Discussion. Approximately \$2,500 available for equipment in this year's budget cycle. Burke has 4 swings for \$2100. Come up with a complete plan with prices (high and low) to present to Board and for grants. Park and Rec two separate budgets.

b.) Pit Toilets at WTP: Arrow Homes will be at the park on Thursday morning for estimate. Pre-fab unit from Public Restrooms Co. and Kneppshield \$55,000 – 95,000 not including shipping or crane work. Metal roof preferable. Concrete 7,700 psi for lower moisture absorption rate of 3%, helps to keep odors down vs. the standard concrete psi of 4,000 with a 30% moisture absorption rate. Pre-fab is too expensive.

Discussion: Number of rooms, stalls, ADA, men's, women's and/or Uni-sex, wood or concrete.

New Business:

1. Playground equipment website information by Della will be forwarded when available.
2. Land for sale adjacent to Hi-Pray Park. The Board would like PRAC to discuss. Do we need more land that we cannot afford upgrade? It could be considered for future growth. Soccer field? Management Plans for Battle Creek and Petobego needs to be gone over and needs to be addressed. These are part of Capital Improvements. Land discussion tabled until next month.

Additional comments:

Leach cleaned out the flue at the pond at Battle Creek for better water flow.

Hi-Pray Park bathroom locks have been replaced.

Next regular meeting September 12, 2016, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary