

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
In-Person and VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
August 9, 2021**

Call to order 7:08 p.m.

Roll Call: Hubbell, Melton, Cosgrove, via Zoom: Slopsema
Absent: Butler

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Slopsema, second by Hubbell, to approve June 14, 2021, meeting minutes.

Roll call: Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes; Hubbell-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Butler-N/A. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Linda spoke to a resident, Vickie Emerson, about how the invasive bush, autumn olive, is encroaching on the trail. Trails are mowed and brush / bushes are trimmed. The resident can connect with the Clerk to work with putting chemicals on the cut bushes.

Boat launch status: Waiting until fall to put the project out for bid. The next thing is the construction management agreement. Boat launch needs to be done in the spring before the park opens. The plan is that the parking lot can be done during the summer without disturbing traffic. Hoping to get the boat cleaning station going as early in the process as possible. Can the boat cleaning station be set up so it is more convenient for boats coming into the lake to clean the boats before they go into Elk Lake?

Unfinished Business:

1. Rec Plan: Discussion.

Melissa walked the trails with Steve Lagerquist from Grant Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC). Need to set up a MIWaters account to work toward getting EGLE involved to help determine how the Lossie Trail and BCNA can be addressed, more specifically focusing on the Lossie Trail improvements. The assessment would cost \$150. The committee believes that would be a very good use of money.

Steve may be able to help get volunteers.

Need some sort of formal maintenance plan for the dam at the pond in BCNA.

Discussion of BCNA trail loop ideas.

Plan adoption process: The committee recommends to the board, the board schedules public hearing, board can make changes (if wanted) and adopt after the public comment period.

Discussion and update of the Appendix and page numbers.

Will have a resolution for the next meeting.

2. Hi Pray dug outs: No update.

3. Lossie Road sign information update: No update.

Updates: requested new quote from Beacon for the dugouts.

Steve Jahr will be installing kiosks in August.

Spoke with Fleis & VandenBrink about the wood roof, requested a sketch from Perfect Fence.

Campground playground equipment improvements will be done after the park closes.

New Business:

1. None.

Next regular meeting: September 13, 2021.

Agenda: Rec Plan review;

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary