

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Monday, August 10, 2015**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Recording Secretary, MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

July 13, 2015, Regular Meeting: Motion to approve by Donkers second by Leach. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Email through the Clerk, questioning reimbursement for Cosgrove material for park bench. No reimbursement requested. Cosgrove will handle with Clerk.

Storm Debris drop-off site in the township. 7304 Skegemog Pt. Rd.

Team Rubicon offers the community free storm clean-up and volunteer management.

Clerk indicates that Battle Creek Natural Area is in need of storm damage cleanup. Lossie Trail has quite a few trees down.

Does the township have a problem with someone going in and working on it a couple hours at time? Let the township handle it, due to the liability issue. Do we shut down the trails if they are impassable or dangerous?

Motion for a recommendation by Donkers, second Butler, to the Board to temporarily close the Battle Creek Natural Area and Lossie Trail due to the damage caused by the August 2, 2015, storm until it is determined safe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Add to project list: Put a gate on the north side of Angel Road of Petobego Natural Area.

Old Business:

1. Lossie Trail stakes. Still an unresolved issue.

2. Draft Rec Plan – E-mailed to all five Board members in July for a July 28 response date. Comments: have not heard anything from the Board Members. Benak indicates that the Draft Rec Plan is on the agenda for August 11.

Motion for formal submittal of the July 13, 2015, version of the Draft Rec Plan for approval to the board by Cosgrove, second by Butler. DISCUSSION: Cosgrove notes that this is a dynamic piece that will have periodic updates. Melton will submit with the maps which are all part of the appendix. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Benches have been installed at the lower Little League at Hi Pray Park. Project complete.

New Business:

1. Storm Damage, covered in correspondence.

2. DNR inventory information as received from the Clerk. In previous years the DNR has completed these inventories. They have now turned the inventorying process over to the township. Clerk has requested help from the Parks and Recreation

Advisory Committee to complete.

Discussion: Three main areas: Township Park, Petobego and Battle Creek Natural Area. Will take time to review documents for accuracy. If an actual site visit is necessary we may not be able to access the areas until they are deemed safe. Can verify basic information.

Whitewater Township Park may be best handled by the Clerk. This committee will look at it and communicate with the Clerk. It has been noted by a local that the pavilion at Whitewater Township Park is in bad shape.

Next meeting September 14, 2015, 6 p.m., meeting at the WWT Park Pavilion

Topics: Parks inventory and discussion of Draft Rec Plan

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary