

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, August 12, 2019**

Call to order 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Leach, Melton, alternate Linda Slopsema

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment. Phil Knapp, 8784 Palaestrum Rd., presented a diagram for the walk. Tart Trail chairman supplied the walk design/diagram. Awaiting info from DEQ/EGLE. Several trails featured on a television program that are just walking boardwalk platforms with no hand or side rails.

Goss: Robin Schmidt, DEQ representative in this area, has been contacted regarding what steps need to be followed. Neil Schock responded with a response indicating what needs to be done to apply for the permit. Project site plans, cross section drawing, map of location, photos, etc. Will we need construction permit from GTC. If so, will need a contractor to present to county for permit. There is a lot of leg work that needs to be done before the project can get started.

Minor, general and individual permits. This may be an individual or minor permit.

All documents need to be lined up before proceeding with the links on the website.

Contact Peninsula Township about what they did for the trail on Power Island, guidance.

Melton idea: A more entailed project for the full committee. Create a sub-committee to cover research and moving the project forward. Slopsema is willing to work on this project.

See if Neil Schock of EGLE will come out and see if there is even a need to go through all of this. Do we even need a permit?

GTCL, Steve Lagerquist, recommended culverts on the trail and said that we would need to go through the DEQ.

Recommended signs to deter the motorized vehicle traffic and with the culverts to dry it up would likely be enough to keep the trail useable.

There is a lot of leg work that needs to be done for this project.

We have other projects on the table that need to be addressed before we can move forward on this one.

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve minutes of July 8, 2019, by Leach second by Butler. On voice vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Batting Cage: No final approval yet. Mark Pressell wrote a letter for GTC to review.

Once final approval is done the netting can go up. The shed also needs final approval.

2. Playground Equipment at Whitewater Township Park: Safety zone clearance spacing between pieces of equipment and the edges of the play area. Best practice: move the rocks as suggested at the swings and remove the wood at the side of the slide at Hi Pray. County, state, and the insurance have no problem with the equipment.

Motion by Cosgrove second by Leach to do the best we can by moving the rocks at the swing set and remove the wood at the side of the slide at Hi Pray.

Discussion: Melton does not feel the same. Get a second inspection.

Cosgrove: Change the motion to not remove the wood at the side of the slide. Leach agrees.

The rocks are for the erosion / retention pond.

Voice vote: A mixed vote in favor, four yays, one nay.

Goss will work with rangers to get the rocks moved.

3. Trails upgrade signage: Follow up with Melissa's notes from the trail walk. Follow-up next month.

You are here signs

Signs / kiosks: Keep the signs simple.

Benches, different ideas

MUD area Lossie

Leach will put in 4x4s to keep vehicles and four wheelers out of the BCNA. Goss will get the supplies.

Discussion of signs at each end of the Lossie trail.

The Board is not interested in buying the property from the school for parking at the east end of Lossie Trail.

There is likely enough room to get parking for 2 or 3 vehicles.

Motorized Vehicles Prohibited, map with distance, rules. Standard 8x10 sizes.

Include on the map the website link.

Melissa will walk the trails for distances.

4. Hi Pray Dug outs: Goss checking on GT County snow load information.

5. Lossie Trail; Bridge suggestion/offer – updates – Discussed at Public Comment

New Business:

1. Presentation by Dr. Angela Keas, Doctor of Chiropractic at InMotion Center. To discuss how to help the community get moving. Postponed

2. Whitewater township boardwalk – part of discussion at public comment.

Next regular meeting: September 9, 2019. Agenda: Follow-up on projects

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary