

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, August 14, 2017**

Call to order 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Decker

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean, Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Add Recreation Plan amendment/correction as New Business #3

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of July 10, 2017, Regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Butler second by Melton to approve the minutes as changed. All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Received email from Ron Popp regarding an email received from someone who visits the park and was angry about the number of trees removed. No response necessary from this committee.

Cosgrove: A huge tree has fallen at Hubner Pond that crosses the trail in the Battle Creek Natural Area (BCNA). Move all debris to the west side of the trail. Dennis will look at and may be able to cut it and move it with help.

Unfinished Business:

1. Status update of the Whitewater Township Park (WTP) playground equipment. Workbee needed? Park rangers may be available to help get it put up in September. Bearing for the merry-go-round, quotes \$125 each SKF bearing or \$65 each Cloyes Bearing. Josh Melton will charge \$75 for install. Leach or Hubbell may be able to get them for free (need the bearing number). Melton will get the number and / or dimensions to Hubbell and Leach. Probably need two. If it has to be ordered Goss will need information to get the bearing(s) ordered if neither Hubbell nor Leach can get them. \$700 to get the whole merry-go-round sand blasted and powder coated.

The rangers thought the volley ball court would be a good place to put the equipment.

The swing set is galvanized. The swing seats need to be replaced. Need two infant seats plus six. Pricing? Regular seat swings are \$40 each; infant seats are \$50 each with additional chain.

Concrete will need to be purchased. Make an all inclusive list of what is going to be needed for board presentation.

Go look at it on Monday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. at WTP, volleyball courts. Post as a special meeting.

Set a date for a workbee September 9, 10 a.m. at WTP to set poles for swings and monkey bars. Offer spaghetti dinner for each worker as a thank you (free).

Discussion of the new flush toilets at WTP.

2. Projects to gather info to start application processes. Benches for Hi Pray Park. Get the information to Cheryl. Fix the trail map so that it doesn't show the trail to the water and remove the red (prospective)connector to Lossie Trail as that property is NOT actually part of the BCNA.

New Business:

1. Maintenance of weeds at Hi Pray. Lawn maintenance. Pull the weeds and/or use weed kill.

2. Ron Popp forwarded an email from Kathy Squires, July 25, regarding someone who stays at Hi Pray Park. Requesting a No Overnight Parking sign at Hi Pray. Loitering? Make a law / ordinance then the police will have authority to do something about it. Are they breaking the law? Can the Board make an ordinance? Is there already a law we don't know about? Contact attorney.

3. Recreation Plan Map change. Appendix 9 and 14 in the rec plan. Correct the Rec Plan to incorporate the new maps. Clerk Goss will contact the DNR about just changing the maps out, a simple correction. If a formal amendment is necessary the Board will have to address it.

Next regular meeting September 11, 2017.

Agenda items: .

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois MacLean

Recording Secretary