

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Minutes for Rescheduled Regular Meeting
September 12, 2022**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Cosgrove, Melton, Slopsema, Hubbell
One unfilled seat

Set / Approve Agenda: Slopsema to add packet information before unfinished business

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment:

Vicki Beam, Baggs Road, commented on Hi Pray Park playground inspection and flyers at boat launch.
Vicky Emerson commented on the flyer handed out, boat launch project and park upgrades.

Melton did a brief explanation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. PRAC does research on projects and presents to the board.

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Hubbell, second by Slopsema to approve August 16, 2022, meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Melton-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Hubbell-yes; Butler-abstain; Slopsema-yes. Motion carried.

Melton will get the 2022 campground park playground inspection report into the next packet.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Hi Pray Park playground inspection.

ARPA funds survey.

Packet information discussion. Discussion of what information needs to be included in the meeting packet. We need direction from the board if they are going to require more detailed information. If information is PRAC relevant it should be included in correspondence.

Send a reminder one week before the meeting to committee members for agenda or correspondence items.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hi Pray Park dug-outs, verbal update on construction. It is in progress!

2. Whitewater Township Park Playground: no updates.

3. BCNA & Lossie Trail tree removal, verbal update – completed. They did a nice job.

4. Lossie Trail wetland and improvements, verbal status update and Slopsema update on old dock sections. The permit should be pretty inexpensive. Northshore Dock said they have 26, 4'x10', sections of brock dock – galvanized steel and composite material, for \$100 per section.

Need a decision from the board if it is a walking trail or a motorized trail.

Discussion of culvert and water flow east of the bridge.

Request information from the board on the status of the Lossie Trail being a walking or motorized access trail.

Motion by Hubbell, second by Butler, to get a determination from the board of the Lossie Road Nature Trail status as a walking trail or a motorized trail so the PRAC can work toward a safe solution for the west end, wet area as this is a high priority project based on the most recent survey and number three on the capital improvements project list.

Roll call vote: Butler-yes; Hubbell-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Melton-yes; Slopsema-yes. Motion carried.

5. Hi Pray Park playground inspection report and corrective plan. Members noted that no equipment needs to be moved. Discussion ensued regarding edging, disposal, sand and signs.

Goss has this on the board meeting agenda. Melton will get the landscaping quote to the Board for the meeting, including the total dollar amount.

Hubbell will cut the bolts on the playground equipment as indicated in the inspection report.

6. Lossie/BCNA trail signage, not much change on Lossie Trail. Possibly a special meeting to walk the trails. Schedule a special meeting for October 2 at 2 p.m., meet at BCNA.

Motion by Melton, second by Butler to do a special meeting on October 2, 2022, at 2 p.m. meeting at BCNA.

Roll call vote: Hubbell-yes; Melton-yes; Butler-yes; Cosgrove-yes; Slopsema-yes. Motion carried.

7. Whitewater Township Park documentation restricting Whitewater Township Park generated funds. Discussion ensued regarding using Park money for Recreation and the budgeting and funds availability. Where is the documentation regarding the restriction of the Park Fund?

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Slopsema, because we have not gotten an answer regarding the documentation of the restriction of the Park funds we request that the board move \$20,000 from the Park Fund to the Rec Fund for Board approved Rec projects.

Roll call vote: Cosgrove-yes; Slopsema-yes; Butler-yes; Hubbell-yes; Melton-yes. Motion carried.

8. Board response to top projects to pursue.

New Business:

1. None

Next regular meeting: Monday, October 10, 2022, 7 p.m.

Special meeting Sunday, October 2, 2022, at 2 p.m. at BCNA.

Communication between the board and the PRAC goes through the board liaison.

Discussion regarding the arborist, bidding process and it was a waste of time and money.

Public Comment:

Connie Hymore commented on the playground estimate and FaceBook page posting.

Vicki Beam commented on communication, funding and project management.

Adjournment: 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary