

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
In-Person and VIA ZOOM
Minutes for Regular Meeting
October 11, 2021**

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Hubbell, Melton, Slopsema

Absent: Cosgrove

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Butler, second by Melton to approve September 13, 2021, meeting minutes.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Steve Lagerquist from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC)

Have walked the trails throughout the township. Public input indicates that the people are interested in the natural trail system.

Trail projects in the rec plan are in the capital improvement list including:

Lossie trail improvements, wet area;

Lossie trail walking bridge;

Battle Creek Natural Area (BCNA) loop instead of the dead end;

Link between Lossie and BCNA;

Reestablish trail to the lake on BCNA.

NOTES from Lagerquist presentation:

Volunteers can help with the trail in the woods. Maybe we can recruit residents and neighbors.

Trails through the woods do not require as much maintenance except for fallen trees.

GTRLC is likely to be able to help in 2023. Get an official request for assistance from the township to GTRLC.

Get the Pre-Op with EGLE for \$150.

Make it an educational trail with educational markers.

Steve mentioned the Trust Fund Grants for Trail Systems.

Unfinished Business:

1. Rec Plan: Trail damage, maintenance and storm damage should be reflected in the plan.

Under the action plan of the BCNA, note to address the damage as funds become available. The 2015 storm damage was noted and the 2021 storm damage should be noted.

The draft Rec Plan is on the Board agenda for tomorrow (10/12/2021). The board will put it out for public comment and set the date for the public hearing for December, giving time to address anything that may be brought up during the public comment period. The board can look to make changes and adopt the plan in December.

Discussion of making it a 2022 – 2026 Rec Plan since we are at the end of 2021. Clerk would need to find out if that would impact the water ways grant for the boat launch.

2. Hi Pray dug outs: Beacon Athletic dugouts quote from 8/12/2021, \$27,000, 8x8x30 for parts but no installation.

Brandon notes that the precast concrete dugouts he had checked into is \$25,000 or \$28,000 with storage.
Fleis & VandenBrink (F&V) needs a simple sketch from Perfect Fence.
Check with Lynn Bartosik for a wood built system. Clerk with contact Bartosik, using the F&V drawing.
Concrete base was quoted by A1 Concrete.
Need to decide exactly what and put it out for bid.

Boat launch: Bids have not been put out yet. It will be next year.
WTP playground equipment move is getting done this fall.
Driveway at Petobego is getting fixed.

New Business:

1. None.

Need to know the history status of the Lossie Trail from the Board. Popp and Vollmuth have the assignment.

Next regular meeting: November 8, 2021.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary