

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, November 9, 2020**

Call to order 7:07 p.m.

Roll Call: Butler, Melton, Slopsema,
Absent: Cosgrove, Hubbell

Also in attendance Clerk Goss

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes:

Motion by Butler, second by Melton to approve October 12, 2020, meeting minutes. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Butler, second by Melton to approve October 26, 2020, special meeting minutes. All in favor.
Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Lossie Road Trail – Phil Knapp made a public comment at the Township Board meeting. Phil is willing to put funds into the project of something to address the wet area. There are possible permitting requirements. Goss notes that to get an EGLE permit will require a professional to be brought in. Possibly contact GT Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC), culvert or boardwalk. Steve from GTRLC said a culvert would be appropriate with the running water that is there. Steve recommended blocking that area from motorized vehicles. Approximately 220' of wet area.

Non-motorized vehicle signs are an issue for people who have adjacent properties and it has been brought to the attention of the Township Board. Chet Grant is vocal about using the west end of the trail for hunting purposes. Jacobson and Oosterhouse are vocal about accessing on the east end. The township cannot restrict property owners' rights to access the trail.

The township board has sent the non-motorized issue to the legal team for input.

The Lossie Road Nature Trail is governed by the BCNA Management Plan.

Upgrades would make it more useable. Possibly make the walking trail go around the wet area if we are not able to address the vehicles.

“Non-motorized” has never been enforced. There have not been any issues with property owners until the signs went up. The Lossie Road Trail has degraded so much that walkers can hardly traverse it.

Keep this on the radar of the PRAC agenda. First thing is the legal aspect. Next would be to bring in someone to look at it and then possibly bring in professionals to make plans.

Unfinished Business:

1. Dug-outs update: Got the permit. Perfect Fence has to find the clamps that the permit calls out rather than welding. Shane of Fleis & VandenBrink drew up the plans, maybe they can find the clamps and clips that are being required. Clerk Goss will continue to follow-up to find them.

2. Trail signs update: Slopsema and Melton will work together.

3. Kiosks update: Waiting on a quote from the gentleman who put the posts up at the park.

4. Rec Plan review: Survey: We do want to move forward on getting the survey on the website.

Put the survey on the website, email blast with a pdf version and a link to the website survey and in our newsletter and have copies available at the township hall with a deadline of December 13th to have a count for the meeting on the 14th.

Discussion regarding what is and is not barrier free or ADA.

Capital Improvement schedule discussion:

Dugouts, \$18,000

Hi Pray Park (HPP) ball park bleachers, \$6,000

Ball field lights \$2,000

Lossie Trail improvements, \$20,000

HPP playground equipment improvements, \$30,000

HPP southwest access driveway, \$70,000

HPP install walking trail, \$90,000

Whitewater Township Park (WTP) upgrade pit toilets, \$30,000

WTP courtesy dock, \$20,000

WTP kayak, canoe, stand up paddle board launch (universal accessibility), \$75,000

Lossie Trail parking, \$37,000

Lossie Trail walking bridge upgrade, \$35,000

Petobego improvements – such as parking area, signage and road access, \$20,000

Petobego boundary markers, ??

BCNA Management Plan, \$120,000

Develop a disc golf course, \$3,000

Community garden, \$2,000

Ranger station, \$36,000

Park Road improvements, \$600,000

Long term plans.

New Business: None

Next regular meeting: December 14, 2020.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary