

**Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, November 13, 2017**

Call to order 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean, Clerk Goss, Caleb Melton and Leif Peterson presentation plus 2 in audience

Set / Approve Agenda: Add Port-a-potty and tennis court back board to Unfinished Business. Add hunting blind at BCNA to New Business.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: Melton will recuse herself if any decisions need to be made regarding the presentation.

Public Comment: None

Approval of October 9, 2017, Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION by Leach second by Cosgrove to approve the minutes as revised. Voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence:

Caleb Melton and Leif Peterson presentation: Caleb Melton: 5044 Vinton Rd., Williamsburg. Doing a community service project for the school's International Baccalaureate program. Wanting to build a batting cage at Hi Pray Park to help the baseball and Little League baseball program. Caleb plays baseball. Kewadin batting cages are the only ones relatively near and it is always busy. The township does have a pitching machine that could be used. The batting cage would stay up all year. A roof protects the netting and the wood. 55' to 70' long and 20' to 30' wide 10' to 12' high. The head of the Little League (Lloyd Miracle) would want to have a dedicated shed. 15 to 20 balls for the pitching machine. Grants are available from MLB and Detroit Tigers youth support program if it is associated with the Little League. Caleb and Leif would be in charge of the building of the batting cage. The Little League Association does the scheduling at the Kewadin cage. Will get an idea of the cost of materials by next meeting and bring a proposed drawing. Will do some fundraising. May ask the township for some funding. Mostly looking for permission for a place to put it. Time frame: start building in late spring of 2018.

The PRAC is very interested in helping with the project. Leach will help with measuring if Caleb and Leif need help.

Unfinished Business:

1. Township Park playground equipment. Goss has taken pictures and measured to get sandblasting and powder coating costs. Will likely go to Wheelock because they pick up and deliver. Bolts and fasteners (Leach & Hubbell); swing set seats-coated approx. \$1000 for swings with chains (Melton); other misc. materials (Hubbell); concrete (Leach); duplicate material costs of sand, border and weed mat. Will need a total cost for the project for the budget. Possibly use half of the swings at the Township Park and the other half at Hi Pray Park. Primary colors. Installation cost at Hi Pray would be a Rec. Fund expense. Stainless steel or galvanized bolts.

2. "No Overnight Parking" signage. Sample park ordinance. Will need to remove bushes on the berms at Hi Pray. Maybe take out the berms to create more parking. Discussion of keeping trees to keep it all from being a flat open area.

MOTION by Leach second by Butler to recommend to the board to remove the berms, flatten and put more gravel in to make more parking and help with security at Hi Pray Park. On voice vote: All in favor. Motion carried.

Goss will take this to the board tomorrow night.

Possibly surveillance signs, surveillance cameras, no trespassing signs, no overnight parking signs, etc., to discourage

some negative activities that have been happening the last couple years. Landscaping next spring.

3. Recreation Plan: Appendix 14: See if GIS can use the "Map my walk" map to create/correct the trail map. The property line issue has been corrected on Appendix 9. Need to correct the trail on Appendix 9.

4. BCNA Tree Cutting/Trail Not Accessible. Goss brought the tree removal proposal and agreement. Consensus of the committee is to remove the trail to the water from the map. Put up a sign that indicates trail ends. Earl and Dennis can move the bench from the lake to the pond.

5. Port-a-potty option for campground (Decker) Two handicap units and two standard units with 2 services per week June 1 – Sept. 30 would run approximately \$2800 for the season.

6. Tennis court wall (Cosgrove) Proposal for concrete block. \$3340. Including installation. May want to investigate a wood structure.

New Business:

1. Projects to Start Application Process for Grants. (postpone)

2. BCNA hunting blind rules: New sign for the hunting blind. There's a portable hunting blind that's been there for a few weeks that's looking trashy. Leach will remove the pop up blind. BCNA hunting rules presented. Leach will put up in the kiosk and in the hunting blind.

Next regular meeting December 11, 2017. Project prices, budget numbers.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary