

Whitewater Township
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Regular Minutes for Monday, November 14, 2016

Call to order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Hubbell

Also in attendance Recording Secretary MacLean

Set / Approve Agenda: Set

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Public Comment: None

Approval of October 10, 2016 Minutes: Postpone.

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments/Correspondence: Email from Clerk Goss.

Unfinished Business:

1. Update on Parks and Recreation Plan status with DNR, DNR MiRecGrant plan status. No news, per Goss' email.
2. Grants: Decker has picked up two contacts for local grants, Rotary Works and DNR, and will generate grant requests. Has found that it is important that monies be budgeted for "grantable" projects so the grantors know that it is important enough that the township is willing to put forth money toward the project(s). Local foundations are a good source for funding also.
3. Pit toilet information will be brought to the next meeting.
October 11, Board meeting minutes indicate that the Board has been given the proposal for the Hi-Pray Park playground equipment to be purchased this year. Goss will request that it be on the December 13, agenda.
4. Capital Improvement Budgets for 2017; start preparing to make formal request to Board.

New Business:

1. Battle Creek Natural Area(BCNA): Parks have been reopened after the tree clean-up.
2. BCNA: Grate needs to be installed at the dam. Possibly two grates, one over the pipe and one on the concrete. Put a sign at the pond that the ice may be unsafe. *WARNING: MOVING WATER – UNSAFE ICE or FLOWING WATER – ICE UNSTABLE*
3. Specific mandates of the BCNA Management Plan. Possibly make the BCNA an educational area.

Additional comments: Dock presentation by Decker. One great big project or segments?

Next regular meeting December 12, 2016, 7 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois MacLean
Recording Secretary